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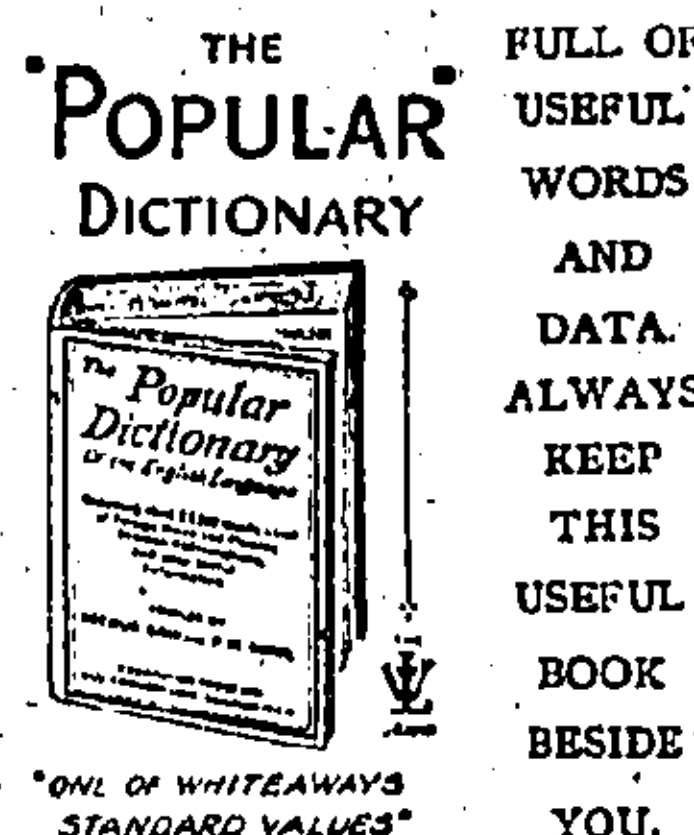
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COMING CLASH. NORTHERNERS PREPARING OFFENSIVE. DRIVE AGAINST REDS. TWO GENERALS JOIN WU PEI-FU TROUBLE AT SWATOW. JAPAN SENDING A DESTROYER.

Events in the Yangtse Valley appear to be moving towards a decisive conflict. There are indications that the Northerners are about to commence an active offensive against the Southerners, with naval and military forces co-operating.

General Yang Sen, of the Wanhsein incident, whose allegiance has more than once been doubtful, and General San Tso-yin, who turned over the South last autumn, have now joined General Wu Pei-fu for the purpose of advancing against the Hankow Reds.

Although a British naval wireless message relays reports that the Reds advancing against Swatow have been dispersed, a Reuter cable from Tokyo states that a Japanese destroyer is going to Swatow owing to disturbances there.

NORTH'S PLANS.

The Navy and Army To Co-Operate.

Shanghai, May 11.
There are indications that the Northerners are about to commence an active offensive against the Southerners in which Naval and military forces are to co-operate.

Five Northern Naval vessels left Tsingtao (south of Wei-hai-wei, in Shantung province) to-day and are proceeding South.

It is also reported that 12,000 Northern troops landed to-day on Tsung Ming Island, mouth of the Yangtse, opposite Shanghai, British Naval Wireless.

Looting at Ichang.
Hankow, May 11.
General Yang Sen (of the Wanhsein incident) arrived at Ichang on May 8 and the arrival of



General Wu Pei-fu, who has been joined by General Yang Sen and General San Tso-yin for the purpose of advancing against Hankow.

his troops was followed by the usual looting, from which, however, foreign property was exempt.—British Naval Wireless.

Generals Join Wu Pei-fu.
Shanghai, May 11.
General Yang Sen, who is reported to have taken over control in this district, is joining his forces with those of Wu Pei-fu for the purpose of advancing on Hankow.

This addition to Wu Pei-fu's troops is the more strongly to be reckoned with as General Yang has been joined by San Tso-yin, a General formerly an ally of Wu Pei-fu who turned to the South last Autumn but who has now returned to the Northern cause.

Bridge Broken.
The "Red Spears" are also operating on the Honan-Hupeh borders against the Southerners and have broken a bridge further South to hamper the Southern operations.

The Fengtien troops have not yet continued their advance into the province of Hupei (Hankow territory) further than Chumtlien.—British Naval Wireless.

SWATOW POSITION.

Advancing Reds Reported Dispersed.

Swatow, May 11.
Further reports have been made of the dispersal at Peking of the Reds who were advancing on Swatow.—British Naval Wireless.

"Disturbances."
Tokyo, May 11.
Owing to disturbances at Swatow, the Navy Department has ordered a destroyer to proceed thither to protect Japanese residents in case of need.—Reuter.

FIRE AT PUKOW.

Standard Oil Co.'s Tanks Escape.

Nanking, May 11.
Following an artillery duel between the Northerners and Southerners, fire was started in Pukow (occupied by the Northerners) yesterday.

The fire was near the S. O. C. O. N. Y. oil tanks which were in danger of being involved but although a large number of huts not far away from the tanks were burnt, the oil tanks were not damaged.—British Naval Wireless.

Southerners at Chinkiang.
Chinkiang, May 11.
The Southerners are strengthening their forces here, subsequent to the clear out of the Reds.

All available water transport has been commandeered by the Southerners under General Ho Ying-yin and considerable troop movements have taken place down-river, part of the 1st and 15th Armies concentrating at Huieshan.—British Naval Wireless.

Troops on Move.
Wuhu, May 11.
Troops continue to move down-river, otherwise there is no change in the situation here.—British Naval Wireless.

ONLY TWO LEFT.

Baptist Missionaries Leave Interior.

London, May 11.

The Baptist Missionary Society of London states that the whole staff in China has been withdrawn from the inland stations to the coast, with the exception of Dr. Broome and the Rev. Edward Phillips, who are staying at Sian-fu at Marshal Feng Yu-shiang's request. Some of the missionaries may be transferred temporarily to other work in India and Ceylon and others as far as possible will come home on furlough. The missionaries hope to return to China at the earliest possible opportunity.—Reuter.

The Tide of War.

Rugby, May 11.

It is reported that the Fengtien troops of Marshal Chang Tso-lin have advanced into Hupei; that General Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Army has taken Anking and has driven the Communist forces from Kluksiang; and that fighting is proceeding at Yuntzu on the north bank of the Yangtse opposite Wuhu.

It seems probable that extensive hostilities will occur shortly on a line—Liuanchow, Chowlake and Hoehow.—British Naval Wireless.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Mr. Eugene Chen Shorn of His Power.

London, May 11.

The "Financial Times" commenting on Sir Austen Chamberlain's statement on China in the House of Commons, declares it is justifiable to "read" into Sir Austen Chamberlain's review of

KING'S THANKS.

A Reply to the Colonial Conference.

YESTERDAY'S DISCUSSIONS.

Rugby, May 11.
When the Colonial Conference was resumed to-day the following reply was received from the King to the message addressed yesterday to His Majesty:—

"It has been a source of much pleasure to receive the message from governors and other representatives of the Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated Territories.

"The Queen joins with me in thanking them for this re-assurance of the loyalty and devotion of the many people whom they represent.

"I wish all success to the deliberations upon which they are about to enter."

The Conference to-day discussed the question of the training of civil servants for the Colonies.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier Messages.

London, May 11.

Referring to Mr. L. S. Amery's plea for closer co-operation in scientific work at the opening of the Colonial Conference, the "Times" expresses the opinion that it should not be difficult to establish a service for scientific-workers similar to that existing for administrative officers.

The total volume of scientific work progress under Dominion and Crown Colony government is so vast and shows such signs of increasing that no man should be allowed to feel that he is jeopardising his personal interests by accepting even a very temporary work in the poorest of the colonies even the wealthiest colonies, would gain much by the creation of a corps of scientific workers whose pool of knowledge would be available for any Crown Colony at a financial cost far below anything conceivable in any other way. If the conference successfully takes this question in hand, it will abundantly justify its birth, even though it makes little headway in other parts of the agenda.—Reuter.

"A Thing Unique."
London, May 11.

The "Morning Post" commenting on the opening of the Colonial Conference says that the Crown Colonies, Protectorates and mandated territories are at present examples of what a Government should be. They are conducted by rulers who are personally responsible for the administration, while under them are young men, often in sole charge of vast savage territories, where they administer justice, maintain peace, and bring healing sustenance to people with whose welfare they are entrusted.

"The British Colonial service is a thing unique in the world."—Reuter.

recent events, an attitude of confidence that the tide has turned. China is to be congratulated on the fact that Mr. Eugene Chen does not retain a shred of power or authority, and it may now be hoped that an era of useful co-operation will be inaugurated wherein the British representative should be cast for a leading part. The worst that can be said of the present situation, is that the chances of willing co-operation are improved. A continuance of patience and tact will repay our efforts and enhance our prestige in the long run.—Reuter.

French Reds Sentenced.

Paris, May 11.

M. Doriot, the Communist deputy who has been travelling in China and Indo-China, has been sentenced to thirteen months' imprisonment for subversive agitation, the notorious Communists, M. Catin and M. Monmousseau, to six months and fines of 2,000 francs, and Suzanne Giraud to ten months.

The authorities have asked the suspension of parliamentary immunity in the case of the Communist deputies M. Marty, M. Clamans, and M. Duclos.—Reuter.

Relief for Frenchmen.

Paris, May 11.

The "Journal Officiel" publishes a decree providing a sum of 2,000,000 francs for the relief of Frenchmen in China.—Hayat.

ONLY A TENTH?

Money Received Under Mortgage.

YOUNGER BROTHER'S CLAIM.

In connection with the Supreme Court action in which the local Chinese community are keenly interested, concerning the mortgaging of valuable Hong Kong property by younger sons of a deceased wealthy Chinese, Loo Kwong-lam, evidence was given by the first plaintiff (Loo Kwong-lam) this morning concerning the amount actually received on the mortgage.

This plaintiff and his brother (Loo Kwong-hing) claim the annulment of the mortgage in question on the grounds that they were "infants" at the time and could not be held liable, also that their interests were prejudiced by the mortgage.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellett), together with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, were for the plaintiffs. Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, of Johnson Stokes and Master) was for the defendants.

Loo Kwong-lam stated this morning that the share which the respective brothers who were parties to the mortgage expected to receive from it was \$50,000 each, the pro-

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Cross-Word Puzzle Competition Result.

The result of the "China Mail's" first \$50 Cross-Word Puzzle (Second Series) will be found on page 6 of this issue. Two competitors tied for first place with only two errors each.

party having been originally valued at eight lakhs, but plaintiff had received about \$5,000 only on the division of the money received by the interpreter, Sung (whose conduct was the subject of reference by Mr. Potter in his opening).

Expensive "Ten."
Plaintiff referred to the occasion when he and his brothers went with Sung to the offices of Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley and two cheques were paid to Sung on their behalf for \$50,000.

After Sung had gone to the Wing On Bank to get the money they all went to Sung's house where the money was divided, witness being given a cheque for \$8,796.75 and \$500 in cash, Sung retaining the commission he had stipulated and also deducting \$1,000 from the amount due to witness.

This amount, witness explained, was due to his having borrowed \$900 from Sung previously. The extra \$100 was asked for by Sung "for buying tea for the maidervants."

Asked if any of the brothers who were party to the mortgage expressed dissatisfaction at this distribution, witness said that Loo Kwong-wai expressed dissatisfaction at their treatment by Loo Lim-yuk and Loo Hing-yue, the elder brothers, and asked Sung if there were any means by which he could sue Loo Lim-yuk. Sung told him that he could hardly sue Loo Lim-yuk as he had already previously brought an action against him, but Sung added that Loo Kwong-hing would be able to bring an action.

Sung, continued witness, suggested retaining Mr. Potter and Mr. Jenkin as counsel and this being agreed money passed for retaining fees.

Allegations Denied.

Witness continued that nothing was said at the interview in Sung's house as to plaintiff being an "infant" or of the effect of such on the signing of the deeds executed that morning. Sung asked Loo Kwong-hing his age, but nothing was said as to the effect of such age or of anybody's age on the validity of the deeds.

Witness denied that he had instructed Sung to make a statement on his behalf at Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley's office that he (plaintiff) was of age, that he had himself made a personal statement to that effect either at that office or at the office of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist.

Witness also stated that the arrangements regarding the care of the property and the payment of interest thereon had been left, under the arrangement between the brothers, with Loo Kwong-wai and Loo Kwong-wan. Witness had never at any time received any income from the property and he had been told some time in 1925 that the second mortgagees had been receiving the interest for the property.

Witness that it was not until a long time after signing the deeds

GONE!

Three Air Parties Now Missing.

SOVIET BALLOON LOST.

London, May 11.
Three air parties are now missing. Nothing has yet been heard of Captain Nungesser or of Captain de Saint Roman.

A Moscow message states that a Soviet balloon with two occupants released on March 30 to test its capacities for long flight has disappeared. A reward is offered.

A New York cable states that the flight from New York to Paris which Chamberlain and Bertaud intended to start on March 13 has been postponed in view of a cable from the American Ambassador at Paris expressing the opinion that such an attempt now might be misunderstood by the French who are deeply exercised by Captain Nungesser's fate.—Reuter.

Mystery has surrounded the fate of the French airman, Captain de Saint Roman, since May 5 when he left St. Louis, near Dakar, on a non-stop flight to Brazil, discarding his floats, in spite of the French Air Ministry forbidding him to do so. It has been suggested that he may have landed on an isolated spot on the Brazilian coast and that his wireless is out of order.

Captain Nungesser started from Le Bourget, to fly to New York, accompanied by Captain Coli, in a huge aeroplane named the "White Bird," painted white to facilitate being spotted in the event of forced descent into the sea, with a black heart near the cockpit on which a skull and cross-bones and a coffin are daubed white, "to show I am not afraid," as Captain Nungesser explained.

The plane soared out of sight and has not been seen since. A New York cable dated May 9 stated that Captain Nungesser "passed over Portland, Maine, flying to New York at a hundred miles an hour," but this was not confirmed.

The machine seen on this occasion, it is thought, might have been a coastguard plane en route to Gloucester, Massachusetts. The authorities of the Nautical Observatory, St. John's Newfoundland, hold the opinion that Captain Nungesser may have descended among the fishing fleet on the Grand Banks and as none of the fishing vessels carry wireless, possibly no news may be received for two or three weeks.

The American aviators Chamberlain and Bertaud propose to fly across the Atlantic as contestants for the \$25,000 prize, for a non-stop New York-Paris flight. Other contestants include the Polar flier, Comdr. Byrd, who, it will be recalled, crashed on April 15 when testing his monoplane for the big effort, and he, the famous airman Folker, and Lt. Bennett, were all rather seriously hurt. Other test flights some weeks back ended disastrously. It was reported on April 22 that the contestants in this big flight were speeding up preparations, so that the attempt to win the prize had developed into almost an international race.

that he had been told by the late Mr. Lyson, solicitor, of the effect of his "infancy" on the signing of the deeds. That was the first time he knew of it.

For 8 Lakhs?
On the direction of His Honour (Mr. Justice Wood), witness left the Court whilst His Lordship questioned counsel as to why the original value of the property had appeared in the settlement as seven lakhs whilst the defendants had put it at eight lakhs.

His Lordship, referring to notes as to plaintiff's previous evidence, suggested that it might be that the amount was entered in the settlement as seven lakhs in order that the "junior" group of brothers should have the extra lakh for the purposes of legal fees in connection with the case.

Plaintiff was recalled, and this was put to him. He, however, denied knowledge of this and Mr. Potter strenuously opposed any such suggestion, which, he said, was in contradiction to a mass of evidence. From solicitors' letters it would be seen that the amount had been most definitely valued at seven lakhs.

The case is proceeding.



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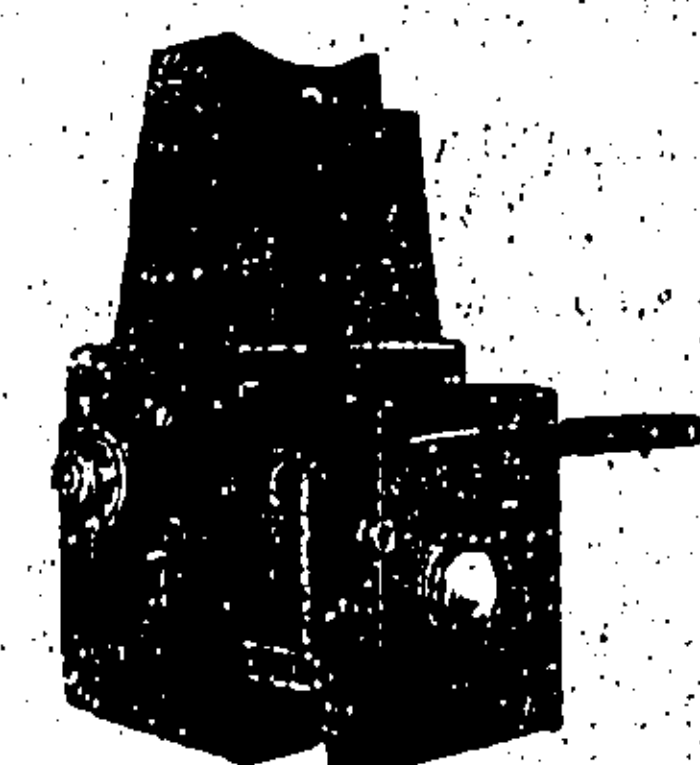
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Referring to the developments which are being carried out at the port, Lord Kysant, at the annual meeting of the London and Thames Haven Oil Wharves Ltd., stated that the petroleum storage depot is situated at the mouth of the River Seine in the port of Havre, and through this river 60 per cent. of the petroleum trade of France passes, so that they are in the most important part of France to deal with this matter.

"In its installation and equipment full advantage has been taken of the long and extensive experience we have gained at Thames Haven, and I look forward to the time when the Havre depot, with its thoroughly up-to-date facilities, will not only have the privilege of catering for outside individual merchants, but will in France, as in England, find its main supporters among the great interests which control the bulk of the oil trade of France, who, I am convinced, will find it greatly to their advantage to do so.

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"There is little doubt that when this work is completed, which we hope it will be in the first half of next year, Havre will be one of the most important and finest ports in Northern France. Its geographical position, as the nearest and most convenient port for Paris, will probably prove an attraction to many of the great ocean liners which cater for first-class Continental passenger traffic, and induce them to utilise Havre for embarking and landing passengers."

"Superior to Southampton."

Mr. T. C. J. Burgess, joint managing director of the London and Thameshaven Oil Wharves, Ltd., made a statement in the following terms:—

"We co-operated with the Compagnie Industrielle in building the petroleum part of their concession. We are now co-operating in the shipping part. Naturally this means we are interested in the scheme, and believe in it. As the petroleum

depot at Havre is the largest petroleum storage in France, so the quay facilities now being built will make Havre the most important and finest port, certainly in Northern France, and probably in Northern Europe, and passengers arriving at the company's wharf at Havre will be in Paris 3½ hours after the vessel moors.

"I am assured by a competent authority that nothing will be lacking on the part of the French railways to provide accommodation for passengers from ocean-going steamers. Representatives of the Compagnie Industrielle here would not give the cost of the scheme, but it is said that they will be considerably less than would be required to make Cherbourg a port with similar facilities.

"When completed during next year it is confidently claimed that a port will be provided which will be superior to Southampton."

A NOMINAL FINE.

Searching the luggage of Henry Miano, detectives found 47 rounds of pistol ammunition concealed in the lining of a portmanteau.

The man appeared before Mr. W. Schofield yesterday charged with unlawful possession of the contraband.

Accused said he knew nothing about the ammunition which he thought had been concealed in his grip by someone else when the police searchers arrived.

Sergt. Barnicle said the police searched the luggage of all the discharged men as they left the ship. They had instruction to search for other things besides arms. However, the police would not press this charge against the accused and would be satisfied with a nominal fine.

Mr. Schofield imposed a fine of £25 or, in default, three weeks' jail. The ammunition was confiscated.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. and O. s.s. "Nellore" left Shanghai for this port on May 10, at noon, and is due here to-morrow, at about 6 a.m.

The P. and O. s.s. "Kashmir" left Singapore for this port on May 9, at 6 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here to-morrow, at about 1 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Kobe on May 10, at 5 p.m., left that port yesterday, at 4 a.m., and is due at Shanghai to-morrow at 10 a.m. She will leave Shanghai on May 14, at 10 a.m.

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MARINE INSURANCE.**OLD COMPANY'S BAD YEAR.**

Marine insurance companies have been passing through a bad patch during the past year or two though the improvement in insurances on hulls may have caused some relief during 1926.

Each year's accounts in marine insurance take many months to settle and the accounts for 1925 are now being disclosed.

One of the earliest is the Merchants' Marine Insurance Company, which is owned by the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, and shows that up to December last the 1925 account had a loss of £21,743, while to provide for further settlements of that year's accounts £75,000 was transferred from the reserve fund to the underwriting suspense account.

Dwindling Reserves.
The reserve fund, which stood at £250,000 at the end of 1923, has now been reduced by a succession of marine losses to £25,000, and the auditors continue to state that their certificate to the balance-sheet is "subject to the adequacy of the reserves available for unexpired risks."

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OIL POLLUTION.

FINDINGS OF AN AMERICAN COMMITTEE.

THE USE OF A SEPARATOR.

That the shipping industry, as a whole, does not appear to have developed entirely satisfactory methods or devices for the handling of oil waste or contaminated oil from ships, is the conclusion arrived at by the Bureau of Mines, which has investigated in the oil-pollution situation in conjunction with the American Petroleum Institute and the American Steamship Owners' Association.

Prior to the date of the Washington conference, it had been the general practice to discharge oil wastes in non-territorial waters or in territorial waters, according to prevailing conditions, states the report. Within territorial waters, laws, rules, and regulations relative to the discharge of refuse matter in general have been in effect for a great many years, and within the last decade much attention has been directed towards legislation pertaining to oily matter.

If the discharge of oil-contaminated water or oily materials of any character from ships on the high seas is prohibited by international agreement, the only practical way of permitting the successful operation of oil-burning and oil-carrying vessels seems to be to handle these waters by suitable separating devices on board the individual ship, by harbour facilities after the vessels arrive in port, or by a combination of these methods. The Bureau of Mines investigators believe that, even with the present inadequate means for properly handling oil-water mixtures on shipboard, much can be done by more careful instruction and training of ships' crews in the proper and efficient handling of oil to reduce the pollution from this source. Workmen on docks and in land plants should receive appropriate instruction on the same subject.

Discharge From Ships. Oil-contaminated ballast water, tank cleanings, and bilge water constitute the chief items of the problem of handling oily waste discharged from ships. Of these the disposal of bilge water is probably the most difficult. Since the total bilge volume is comparatively small, bilge water probably can be treated at a reasonable cost by installing a small pump that has a flexible hose suction and discharges into a conveniently placed settling tank. The oil that separates on the surface of the water in the tank is skimmed off at suitable intervals and is returned to the fuel storage tanks; the water is drained back into the bilge.

The proper disposal of ballast water and tank cleanings from vessels presents much greater difficulties. Where disposal is made after arrival in port, it is likely that ships must proceed to a definite disposal point similar to a petroleum harbour and discharge the oil-contaminated water; utilize pipe lines connected to a waste reservoir on land at the individual docks; or discharge the oil-contaminated waters into collecting barges brought alongside while the ship is at the dock. The first two methods named are believed to be generally unsuitable or impracticable for conditions at American ports, or their application is limited by the size of the port.

Of the methods that propose the use of port or harbour facilities, the disposal of oil-contaminated ballast and oil refuse by collecting barges seems to be the most immediately practical. The system requires a number of barges maintained expressly for this service, and also the necessary towing and suitable reclaiming or disposal facilities.

The Barge Method.

It has been suggested that the fleet of barges might be owned and operated by a commercial company, or by local municipal government, or port authorities. On account of the low value of the recovered material, it is problematical whether such an enterprise could be made self-supporting, particularly in the initial stages, without some form of assistance or protection against loss. The barge method has been carefully studied, and an estimate for its application to the port of New York over a period of normal shipping activity has been made.

So far as oil-burning ships are concerned, it is believed that the most satisfactory ultimate solution will involve the use of a separating device on each individual ship and provision of facilities in harbours for the collection and proper disposal of heavy sludges and any other oily wastes that the separator will not handle. The Bureau of Mines committee believes that an oil-water separator for shipboard use can be developed which will satisfactorily separate the oil and water, yield a reclaimed oil suitable for use as a fuel without further treatment. The use of such a device would make vessels self-contained and independent to the maximum extent, thus reducing the time of their turn-round period in port and lessening pilotage and port charges.

Skimming and Collecting Apparatus.

If a completely successful device for separating ballast water and oil on general cargo vessels cannot be readily developed and applied, a separator that would satisfactorily reduce the bulk of the oil-water mixtures would be valuable. A great reduction of bulk would much facilitate the collection, by barges,

SHIPBUILDING.

THE FUTURE OF THE INDUSTRY.

LEAGUE MEMORANDUM.

One of the preliminary documents issued in connection with the International Economic Conference at Geneva is a memorandum on shipbuilding published by the League of Nations, which contains information on the state of this industry in the principal seafaring countries of the world. According to this memorandum the world tonnage of 1925 is over 64,500,000 tons, against 47,000,000 tons in 1913. While the real world demand is probably not more than 55,000,000 tons, for some years to come the maximum production figure is likely to remain between 1,500,000 and 2,500,000 tons. The present crisis in the industry must be attributed partly to the diminution in cargoes offering, and partly to vast over-production during the years immediately following the war, which was accentuated by the building of national fleets on Government account in or for North America (United States and Canada) and Australia. The immediate future of the industry in each country is likely to depend not only on the rate of scrapping of old ships and on the general demand for tonnage, but also on the demand for new types of vessels. New construction is influenced by the increasing use—for reasons of economy—of motor-vessels and of larger ships in all classes. Especially the increasing proportion of large new motor-ships is significant. At the end of June, 1926, there were on "Lloyd's Register" 45 motor-ships, each of more than 3,000 tons gross, against 19 at the end of the same month in 1925. In September, 1926, there were 171 seagoing motor-vessels under construction in the whole world, with a total tonnage of 869,500. Another sequel of this newest development in shipbuilding is the increasing demand for tankers for carrying oil-in-bulk, of which there was a total tonnage of 5,665,000 in 1926, against 1,479,000 in 1914.

Following this general survey and special notes on the shipbuilding situation in the principal maritime countries, the memorandum deals with various aspects of the industry. In a section headed "Existing Tonnage and Demand" it is remarked that the bulk of trade offering had decreased in 1923, as compared with 1913 by 15.6 per cent., and is still to-day appreciably below pre-war. Apart from this decrease caused by the general depression of trade there are certain special reasons operative since the war which explain the contraction in the demand for tonnage, as, for instance, the higher speed of vessels, increasing the number of trips made per year by individual ships. Tramp tonnage, especially, tends to become less profitable. In a section headed "Prices and Freight" it is stated that the building prices of ships have only slightly changed. For Great Britain the difference is given as an increase of 3.96 per cent. in 1926 as compared with 1913, whereas the index number of wholesale prices is some 50 per cent. and that of retail prices is some 75 per cent. higher than in 1913. Freight rates are generally low owing to the competition caused by surplus tonnage, although the English coal stoppage has caused a rise. Even a revival of trade would not cause permanent improvement, as this would bring the laid-up ships on to the freight market, and thus immediately destroy the normal ratio between shipping and volume of trade on which reasonable steadiness depends. This is considered a prerequisite to the revival of shipbuilding.

of residual mixtures that the separators will not handle. In fact, it seems probable that, in addition to any oil-water separating device, however effective, which may be installed on vessels, methods for collecting and properly disposing of tank sludge and certain other oily refuse will have to be generally available in port if oil pollution from vessels is to be avoided. The limitation of ship design rules that an apparatus intended for separating oil and water on vessels must be comparatively small and compact, and yet preferably be capable of handling 100 to 200 tons of oil-water mixtures per hour. In addition to equipping oil-burning vessels with oil-water separators and providing barges in harbours, it would be advisable to have apparatus for skimming and collecting from the surface of the water the patches of free oil that sometimes result from accidents in spite of all precautions. Such apparatus should prove valuable in slips and quiet pockets where spilled oil accumulates. The findings of the committee are given in Technical Paper 385, Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C.

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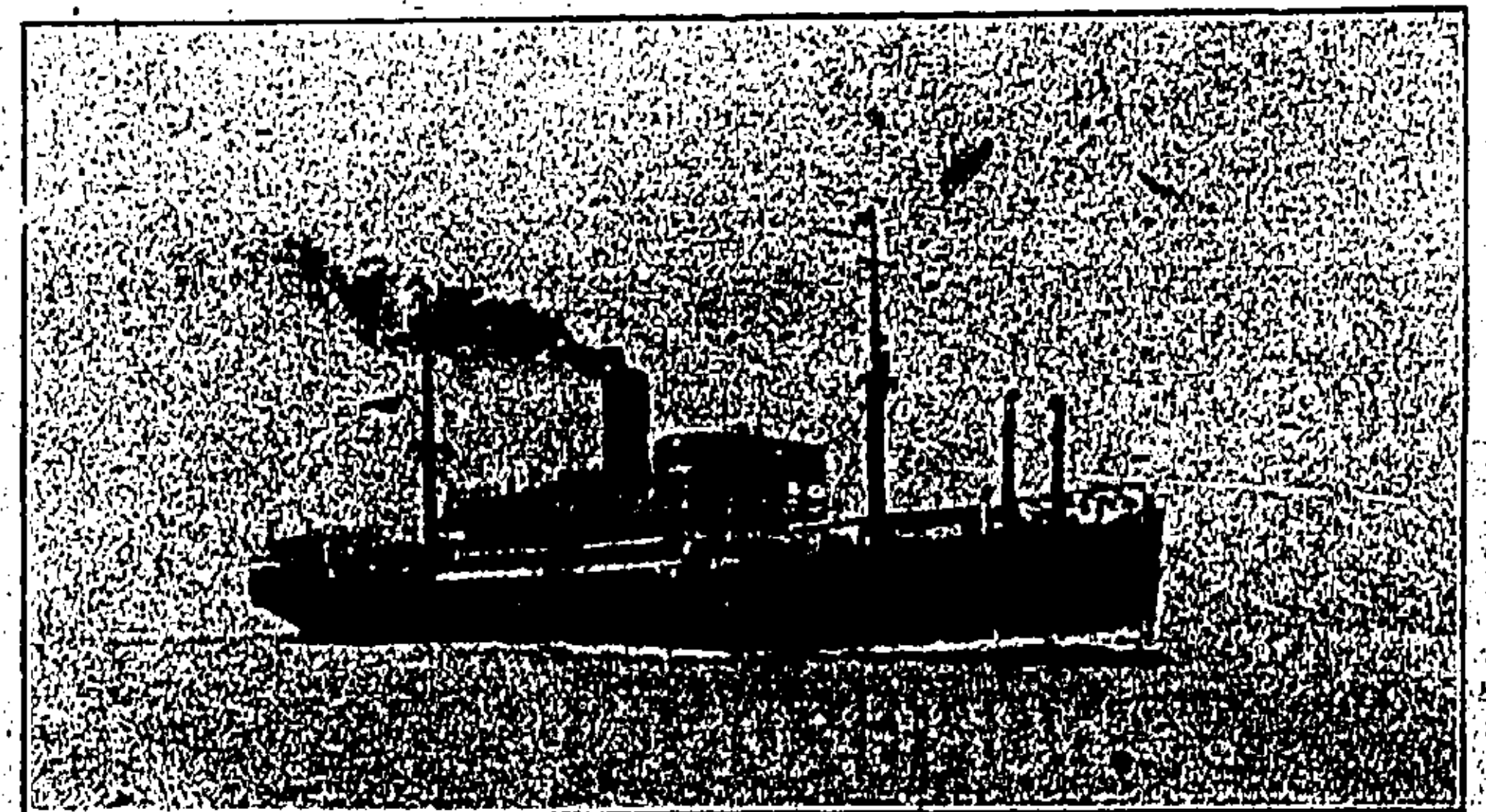
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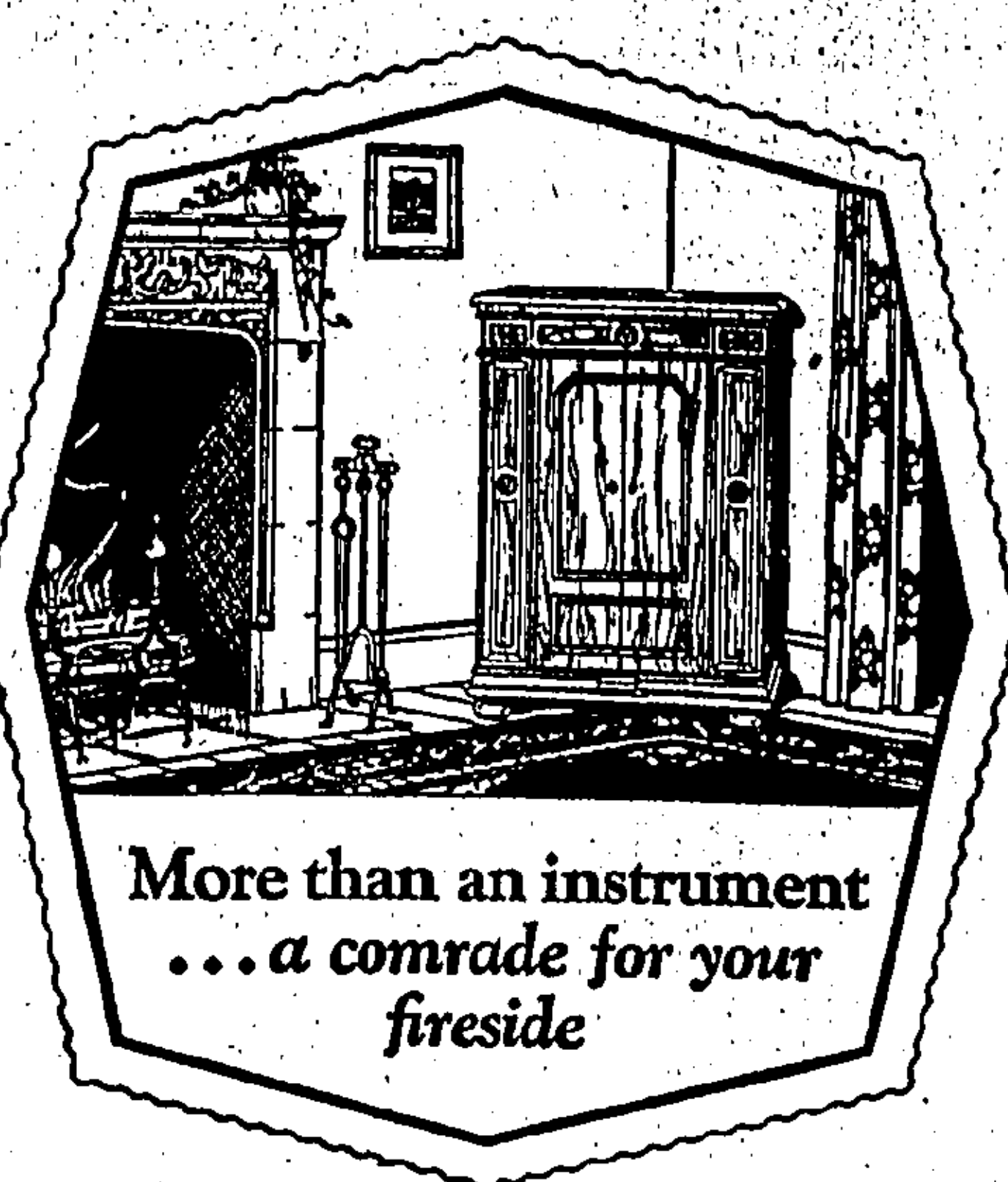
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THE HA'PORTH OF TAR.

The officials in Canton in charge
of foreign affairs are still using
the name of Mr. Eugene Chen to
sign communications to the repre-
sentatives of the Powers. At
first sight this fact seems to be
amusing only. Mr. Eugene
Chen is not only shorn of all
power in Canton but he is shorn
of all power in Hankow as well.
Everyone save the officials in
Canton appears to regard this as
an accepted fact. The British
Secretary of State for Foreign
Affairs declared in the House
of Commons on Monday that Mr.
Chen and his Notes represented
little more than his personal
opinions. The Home Press also
has no illusions on the point, for
we have the "Financial Times,"
in a comment cabled to-day, con-
gratulating China on the fact that
Mr. Chen does not retain a shred
of power or authority. Therefore
it seems a little comical that Mr.
Chen should be treated in Canton
—by a hostile party, too—as
being still a power in the land and
the mouthpiece, not merely of the
Hankow clique, but of Nationalist
China. At first sight, the matter
seems, as we have said, amusing
only. But it has a serious side as
well—a very serious side for the
officials in Canton. These gentle-
men, along with their colleagues
in Hankow, are striving to estab-
lish a government which can re-
ally claim that name. Although
they still employ the anti-
Imperialist parrot cry, they wish
this government to command, if
not the friendship, at least the re-

spect of the world. Yet they still
resort to childish expedients like
the make-believe described above.
They still allow a foolish anomaly
to continue, harmless in itself, but
seriously affecting their credit
and standing as responsible
officials striving for their coun-
try's good. The air of unreality
which they thus cast over their
own achievements, giving them
almost a touch of the comic opera,
is the worst possible thing for
their cause. If the officials in
Canton and Nanking are sincere
in their desire to establish a com-
petent government, as we believe
they are, they should take im-
mediate steps to dispel this air of un-
reality. That is essential if they
are to win either friendship or
respect; essential, indeed, if they
are to make any progress at all.
Only with the willing support of
their own people and the goodwill
of other nations can they hope to
pass out of the troublous emer-
gency state into the realm of
security and permanency. While
the present air of unreality pre-
vails they will always be in the
former. That is why they should
be quicker to eliminate such ab-
surd and childish tactics as mak-
ing official use of the name of a
politician who has ceased to
count, officially, in any opinion
but his own, and perhaps not even
there.

Bathing Beaches.

Except for Stonecutters being
closed to the general public and
Tai Wan Bay taking its place, the
public bathing beach facilities in
the Colony will be very much the
same this year as in previous
years. There was a time, if
memory does not err, when band
nights were held during the sum-
mer season at North Point. This
entertainment was, we believe,
provided through the enterprise
of the lower levels tramways
company. More recent efforts of a
similar nature, in other parts of
the Colony, have not met with a
great response. But it seems
that the matter has not been en-
tirely lost sight of. With the pre-
sence of at least two military
bands in Hong Kong, at the
moment, and the likelihood of
others arriving very shortly, an
opportunity has again presented
itself. There are also the Naval
musicians in port. A correspond-
ent suggested in the "China
Mail" last year the creation of a
pleasure resort on Kellett Island.
That scheme may be too am-
bitious; but band nights on the
more popular bathing beaches
should meet with approval all
round.

Futility of Strikes.

During the temporary lull in
the controversy at Home over
the Trade Unions Bill, which is
designed to declare a general
strike illegal, it is interesting to
find the well-known Labour lead-
er, Mr. Philip Snowden, ex-
Chancellor of the Exchequer, con-
demning strikes. Speaking at
Derby he asked: "Is the strike in
its results a desirable thing? The
only answer to that question is
that strikes are like war between
nations—both sides are the
losers." There is a moral in that
declaration that can be applied
much nearer Hong Kong than
Derby. It is so easy to incite a
number of illiterate Chinese
workers to come out on strike.
They do not pause to think of the
consequences to themselves and
their families. And, of course,
national economics are far be-
yond their grasp. During the
last strike in this Colony nothing
was heard from the leaders but
assertions of the disastrous
effects it would have upon local
industry. They failed to foresee
the equally disastrous results
upon the workers themselves,
which were aggravated subse-
quently when the boycott was en-
forced—a boycott that did far
more injury to merchants in Can-
ton than to those in this Colony.
The strike as a weapon of class
war is played out. As a lever
against the capitalists it is effete.
It has not one single merit. As
Mr. Snowden pertinently observed
in the speech referred to, "there
are many employers who realise
just as well as many experienced
trade union leaders do that it is
ruinous both for them and for
trade, as it is for the workman
and the community, that we
should be living in a state of con-
tinuous strife." If Mr. Snowden
is consistent he will not only sup-
port the Trade Unions Bill in the
House of Commons, but press for
the introduction of a Bill to make
all strikes illegal, thus following
the example of Italy.

TO-DAY'S WEDDING.

LOCAL CHINESE FAMILIES UNITED.

MR. M. H. LO & MISS EDITH LAM.

A wedding of considerable
interest to the Chinese commu-
nity, and to many foreigners who
are among the friends of the well-
known local Chinese families
united took place this afternoon
before the Registrar of Mar-
riages, the parties being Mr.
M. H. Lo, Assistant Comptroller,
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
and Miss Edith Lam, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Lam Kai-tseung.

Mr. Lo is the son of Mr. Lo
Cheung-shui who is a Justice of
the Peace, a member of the Dis-
trict Watchmen Committee and
permanent adviser to the Tung
Wah Hospital, at whose residence
(No. 20, Conduit Road) a re-
ception is to be held later in the
afternoon.

Among the many who have
accepted invitations to be present
at the reception are Sir Robert
and Lady Ho Tung, the Hon. Dr.
and Mrs. R. H. Kotewall, the
Hon. Mr. and Mrs. W. T.
Southern, His Hon. the Chief
Justice and Mrs. J. R. Wood, the
Hon. Sir J. H. Kemp, K.C., the
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Captain Steele, Mr. and Mrs. T. H.
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Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cornaby, Mr.
and Mrs. G. Grimble, Mr. R.
Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra
Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. A. H.
Crook, Mr. W. Kay, and Miss M.
Kacker.

WOMAN'S EIGHTY WOUNDS.

As the sequel of the finding of
the body of a Chinese woman in
Chuk Un village near Shatin Gap,
two Chinese men were charged with
murder at the Kowloon Magistracy
yesterday.

According to Dr. Ip Kam-wai of
the Kwong Wah Hospital, there
were about 80 cut wounds on the
woman's body. No fewer than 40
of these cuts were on the face and
head. Most of the wounds were
apparently caused with a sharp in-
strument. "Death was due to shock
and haemorrhage."

After Dr. J. E. Dorey of the
Kowloon Mortuary had corroborated
Dr. Ip's statements the case was
adjourned.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Result of First New Puzzle.

TWO COMPETITORS TIE.

The "China Mail" has pleasure in
announcing the result of the first
Cross-Word Puzzle of the new
series. This has been won by two
competitors with only two errors
apiece. These two competitors are:—

Mr. Fred E. Silva,
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.

Mr. A. M. da Silva,
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

In accordance with the rules the
prize of \$50 will be divided between
the two winners and cheques will
be sent to them four days hence,
under registered cover, together
with the congratulations of the
"China Mail."

The correct solutions are as
follows:—

Horizontal.

1, QUA; 4, LANYARD; 9, WIT;
11, TIBURO; 12, HERPES; 13,
DISPEL; 15, PALLAH; 17, ILL; 18,
NIL; 20, EGO; 21, DIET; 22,
PANES; 24, SWOP; 25, PRIESTS;
27, N.E.; 28, CELL; 29, SUES; 30,
EN; 32, CORN; 33, TIND; 34, YE;
36, MICA; 38, ETNA; 39, S.L.; 40,
Q.M.; 42, LEGATEE; 44, N.U.; 45,
SUES; 46, SEGAR; 47, HEBE; 49,
PED; 51, NET; 53, R.O.L.; 54,
ARISTA; 57, ORRERY; 59,
RAPINE; 61, ATTAIN; 62, R.Y.L.;
63, RAPIERS; 64, D.S.O.

Vertical.

2, UTILIZE; 3, AISLED; 4,
LUES; 5, NO; 6, AH; 7, REP; 8,
DRAG; 9, WELEWS; 10,
ISAGOGE; 13, DID; 14, PINE; 16,
HOP; 18, NAIL; 19, LESS; 22,
PRINCES; 23, STUTTER; 25,
PERIL; 26, SEINE; 27, NAT; 28,
C.O.M.; 31, NUL; 35, EQUERRY;
37, AGEN; 38, ETAT; 39,
SUBORNS; 41, MEDIAL; 43,
AGEN; 44, NEREID; 45, SPA; 48,
ELY; 50, STIR; 52, ARTS; 55,
S.P.; 56, ANA; 57, O.T.R.; 58, R.A.;
60, E.P.; 61, A.E.

CIVIL PLANES.

Latest Figures For Great Britain.

Rugby, May 11.

Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-
Secretary for Air, stated that
the number of civil aircraft in
Great Britain and Northern
Ireland licensed to fly, including
those owned by the Air Council,
Imperial Airways and the sub-
sidised aeroplane companies was
138 and of these 36 were light
aeroplanes.—British Wireless
Service.

CANDID CONFESSION.

"STARK, STARING, RAVING MADNESS."

Many years ago George Bernard
Shaw caustically remarked that
Socialism would be all right—if it
were not for the Socialists,—and it
would appear that time has not
given any reason for altering that
verdict.

A despondent picture of the So-
cialist movement was drawn at the
annual conference of the Teachers'
League at Claxton Hall,
Westminster (London) recently,
by the president, Mr. H. S. Stead-
grove, Croydon.

"When I regard," he said, "the
intercine strife within the work-
ing class movement, both here and
on the Continent, I feel that I—a
sane man, I hope—have been thrust
into a lunatic asylum."

"It is an insane policy for work-
ers claiming to be politically and
industrially class conscious to ex-
pend their time and energies in
fighting each other, instead of get-
ting on with their real job of fight-
ing capitalism."

"It is stark, staring, raving mad-
ness."

THE MAN IN LIGHT BLUE.

Into the wide roadway of Trafal-
gar-square, just outside the Na-
tional Gallery, there stepped a
figure that stemmed the great tide
of traffic as suddenly as if great un-
seen hands had clutched each
vehicle.

One hundred traffic policemen
with outstretched arms could not
have imposed such sudden control.
A two-abreast omnibus procession
stopped in a matter of seconds. A
woman driver brought her big car
to a dead stop with a loud squeal-
ing of brakes. Everything halted.

And then the more slow-eyed
pedestrian saw the reason. Advanc-
ing across the road from the
pavement was a familiar figure in
dark blue, a London policeman.
Holding him nervously by the arm
was a figure in lighter blue—a cap-
tured soldier in the hospital dress
that everyone knew ten years ago.
With painful slowness the two
crossed the road, and not until they
had reached the other side did the
traffic move again.

In one second all the old gentle-
ness for the broken of the great war
welled up, so quickly that the traffic
stopped with totally unnecessary
suddenness.

In the very hour of his triumph
man finds himself the slave of the
machine he has himself created.

STRANGE TALE.

PIGEON AS HERO OF WAR STORY.

GERMANS OUTWITTED.

One of the most astonishing
tales of the Great War has for
hero a pigeon named Charles,
who will be on exhibition at the
Crystal Palace Pigeon Show in
November.

Once a year Mr. G. W. Richard-
son, a Yorkshireman, who, 40
years ago, established a textile
business in Roubaix, comes to
England and exhibits pigeons at
the Crystal Palace.

During the War, when the
Germans were approaching, one
of Mr. Richardson's friends, M.
Felix Vanoutryve, went off to
join the French Army, leaving
in his care Charles, who had been
bought at the Crystal Palace
from Sir Charles Warner for
£100.

The Germans swept over Lille
and Roubaix, and here was Mr.
Richardson in the occupied ter-
ritory, possessing a "verboten"
pigeon. He could easily have
wrung Charles's neck and saved
himself a deal of trouble and
peril, but he had given his word.

Hidden in Copper.

His extraordinary adventures
with Charles are vividly told by
Captain B. S. Townroe in the
"Cornhill Magazine." Time after
time Mr. Richardson's house was
visited by German patrols, and
Charles had narrow escapes.
Once Charles was hidden in the
copper on washing-day. On
other occasions he was carried in
Mr. Richardson's pocket with
string over his wings.

Then came a day when Mr.
Richardson was told that he was
being sent to Germany as one of
the hostages for Roubaix. He
managed to give Charles into
the care of a friend in Belgium.
Very soon all the hostages were
released, and Mr. Richardson's
first thought was to retrieve
Charles.

"I had to cross the frontier,
which was guarded by sentries
set every 50 yards. I found
Charles extremely fit, and start-
ed back with the bird in my
pocket."

"Several times I had to hide
in ditches and then make a run
for it. At least a dozen shots
were fired at me, but I got
through. That night, when I
examined my hat, I found a bullet
hole through it."

To Mr. Richardson's factory,
on another occasion, came a Ger-
man patrol searching for a piece
of machinery. Mr. Richardson
and the German officer went
down into the basement. Charles
was there, his head sticking out
of a basket.

"I saw that the officer had
noticed the pigeon," said Mr.
Richardson, who then proceeded
to act with great diplomacy. He
asked the German into his office,
interested him in a piece of
tapestry showing old Heidelberg,
and pressed him to accept a share
of "my last bottle of champagne."
The German was not unwilling.

A Clever Ruse.

"I filled and refilled his glass,
and in time he became a little
"fuzzy." After finishing the
bottle he went away, smoking a
cigar, and made no remark what-
ever about the pigeon."

"Being acquainted with Ger-
man mentality, however, I told
my foreman to go to my garden
and bring back a small bantam
hen. This was placed in the
basket, and Charles was conceal-
ed in one of his usual hiding
places. After lunch the officer
returned, accompanied by two
soldiers with fixed bayonets, and
a gendarme. I led the whole
party down into the cellar."

"The gendarme pounced on the
basket, looked at the bird, and
then pointed out to the officer
that it was only a bantam hen."

The war ended, and M.
Vanoutryve returned. "He thank-
ed me somewhat casually," said
Mr. Richardson, "considering the
way I had risked my life for the
bird for three and a half years."

"But he returned after he had
heard something of the dangers
to which I had been exposed, and
grasping me by the hand, said:
"You damned fool!"

Charles is to-day flourishing
with other, less famous pigeons
in a great pigeon house at the
residence of M. Vanoutryve—a
house where the ex-Kaiser was
quarantined when he visited that part
of the front.

After his death the pigeon is
to be stuffed by the French Gov-
ernment, and preserved in the
War Museum in Paris.

MOTOR CYCLE COVER THEFT.

For the theft of a canvas cover
from the motor cycle of Mr.
Littlejohn of the P.W.D., which
was parked outside the City Hall,
a Chinese was this morning sen-
tenced by Major Wilson to six
weeks' hard labour.

\$2,500,000 BONDS.**IRISH FREE STATE'S CLAIM DISMISSED.****DE VALERA ALSO LOSES.**

New York, May 11. The State Supreme Court has dismissed the suit of the Irish Free State which claimed to be the successor to the Irish Republic and to be entitled to the \$2,500,000 worth of bonds subscribed for in the United States for the Irish Republic cause.

The Court also dismissed the claim of de Valera and his co-trustees to the bonds, and ruled that they should be sold and the proceeds should revert to the original subscribers.—Reuter's American Service.

[Eamonn de Valera was leader of the Irish Republican movement.]

A GREAT FORCE.**BRITAIN AND VATICAN LEGATION.**

Rugby, May 11. Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, was asked in the House of Commons whether the maintenance of a Legation at the Vatican was now regarded as a matter of permanent policy. He replied yes.

The Government had no intention of withdrawing the mission from the Holy See. They found it convenient to establish this legation at a time of international trouble and to withdraw it now would, he thought, be a most offensive action to adopt.

Apart from that, whatever views they might hold individually about the Roman Church, there could be no doubt that the head of that Church represented a great force in the world and was venerated by many millions of British subjects.—British Wireless Service.

LABOUR CONDITIONS**THE VIEWS OF AN INDIAN DELEGATE.**

Geneva, May 11. Speaking before the Industrial Committee of the Economic Conference, Sir Nusservanji Wadia declared that the Japanese memorandum distributed during the conference referred to a big reduction in profits but omitted to refer to hours of labour, female night-work, and the fact that the cotton industry in Japan is run on two shifts totalling twenty hours daily.

Sir Nusservanji Wadia finally submitted a resolution recording the desirability of greater co-ordination in formulating and applying labour conventions and other measures designed to raise the physical and mental standards.—Reuter.

SPECIAL FEATURES.**OLYMPIA TO CELEBRATE JUBILEE.**

Rugby, May 11. The King, accompanied by the Queen, will open on May 19 the annual Royal Tournament at Olympia.

It is fifty years since the tournament was instituted and a programme has been arranged worthy of the jubilee celebration.

An outstanding feature will be a pageant of Scottish arms dating back to the time of James the First.—British Wireless Service.

TORNADO HAVOC.**BIG MIDDLE WEST DEATH ROLL.**

New York, May 11. The killed in the tornadoes in the Middle West during the week-end mentioned yesterday now total 225, while a thousand people have been injured and hundreds are homeless.

Eight States were affected by the tornadoes.—Reuter's American Service.

MOTOR CYCLE ACCIDENT.

A Chinese boy was knocked down yesterday near the polo ground, Causeway Bay by a motor cycle driven by Mr. A. Xavier, of No. 4, Humphreys Building. The boy was only slightly injured and was treated at the French Hospital near by. A Chinese riding on the back of Mr. Xavier's machine was badly injured in the left hand and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

CROCS IN BORNEO.**BATTLES WITH MAN-EATING REPTILES.****REMARKABLE ADVENTURES.**

A crocodile recently killed in North Borneo measured 22ft. in length.

This enormous brute was caught in the Padas River by a Malay "pawang" (magician) not far from Beaufort, a Government station about 25 miles up-stream from the sea.

The Malay who had been touring this river in search of man-eating crocodiles turned up at the station quite unexpectedly one day with this uncanny trophy and displayed it before the district officer with much pride.

The Padas crocodiles had for some time past been playing havoc in the villages all down the river, and this beast had been a perpetrator in raids of pillage and death such as the following:

Near Beaufort they had been making nightly depredations on a Bisaya village for cattle, and in a few months had taken a very heavy toll in goats and buffaloes. The natives complained that the chief culprit was a monster crocodile which they had often seen at dusk floating just awash in his usual haunt—a deep hole in a bend of the river near their village.

A Man-Eater. This same beast had pursued with fell intent people in boats as they paddled past his den after nightfall.

Farther down stream the Brunei Malay also had not escaped without their little mishaps. For early last year a man while fishing from his canoe was knocked overboard and drowned.

He was in one of a fleet of small dug-outs engaged close to the shore in throwing the cast-net (jala) for prawns.

While he was standing up and preparing his net for a cast, a crocodile swimming under the boat deliberately capsize it with an upward blow of its head, thus precipitating the Brunei into the water, net and all.

The net was attached to his wrist by a long string, and as he floundered in the water with the crocodile, his companions quickly paddled to his help, but were only in time to grab the net as the brute dragged its victim under water by the head.

A tug-of-war ensued for quite ten minutes until the crocodile let go. But when the man was brought to the surface he was dead and his head was horribly lacerated.

On another occasion at the mouth of the river a Brunei was standing waist-deep in the water digging oysters off the rocks when he was attacked by an eighteen-foot crocodile.

Cry for Help. The beast got him by the thighs, but let go its hold and disappeared when the man stabbed it in the eye with the short knife he was using in collecting the oysters.

He called for help and his comrade arrived and pulled him out of the water just as he was fainting from loss of blood.

The unconscious man, with both thighs terribly mangled, was taken back to his village, but died the next morning before medical aid could arrive.

Tragedies such as these, of almost everyday occurrence, had made the crocodiles the terror of the riverside, so that the natives, at last aroused from their apathy, held a council of war and decided to take revenge.

Thus it was that an expert crocodile hunter in person of a "pawang" had been specially called over from the neighbouring State of Brunei to rid the Padas of some of the monstrous saurians that lurk in its deep and murky waters.

His services were to be paid for from house-to-house collections in the villages.

Claim for Bounty. The hunter's sudden appearance at Beaufort, however, with this hideous "lump of meat" was to claim the Government bounty for killing crocodiles, the reward for which is 10 cents per inch for length of head. He stated that this had been his first really big "haul," and that he had caught the animal alive in the usual way with "rotan" line and baited hook.

Having landed it safely on a sandpit he had tied up its snout and tail, intending there and then to bring in the beast to the station by boat.

But in trying with the help of the villagers to load his trussed-up "catch" into a 30-foot "pakarangan" or native boat, the latter had been capsize by the animal in its struggles.

All further efforts at getting the "crocodile" aboard proving equally unsuccessful, the idea of bringing it in alive had to be abandoned.

The "pawang" killed it, therefore, and brought in the head

ROMANCE REVIVED.**FORMER "FOLIES" STAR AND A PRINCE.****DIVORCE SUIT WITHDRAWN.**

A famous Parisian romance, which was shattered last summer, has just been mended again. The former Liane de Pougy has forgiven her husband Prince George Ghika, for running off with another woman, withdrawn her divorce suit and gone to the Riviera with him to start their lives all over again.

One night, eighteen years ago, Liane, who was the queen of the Folies Bergere, went to the Moulin Rouge in Montmartre to see a new revue and, as the management had sold her seat by mistake, she swept majestically into an empty box and decided to stay there.

A few minutes later the owner arrived, and the ushers, who did not recognise her, told her she must go.

"You'll have to drag me out," she replied angrily.

The ushers threatened to call the police, but the man who had the ticket for the box stepped up and bowed politely.

"I am Prince George Ghika, and I shall be charmed if you will be my guest this evening," he smiled.

The Roumanian's politeness pleased Liane, and within a few weeks she had married Prince Ghika, leaving a score of suitors disconsolate.

She abandoned her career, and for a long time their married life was one long honeymoon. Last summer, however, she made the mistake of adopting into her home in Brittany an eighteen-year-old girl named Manon.

The Prince, who had been an absolutely irreproachable husband for all these eighteen years, fell in love with Manon, and, as Liane described this tragedy to her friends in Deauville last summer, he came to her one morning and confessed that while he adored her he was in love with "the little one."

"Killing Me." "What are you saying? You are killing me," Princess Liane cried. "I must think this over carefully, and I shall go on a long voyage."

The girl Manon then ran into the room. She was also sobbing.

"I adore both of you, and I shall kill myself if you wish," she cried, flinging herself at Liane's feet, and kissing them.

Liane finally told both of them to leave her house, and, after helping to pack her husband's baggage, she called Manon and gave her a strict lecture.

"I want you to take good care of George," she said. "He is in poor health, and he needs the most careful attention. And remember that he cannot drink, smoke, stay up late, or let himself become excited."

Then she turned to her husband, who was piling the baggage on their motor-car.

"There is no use in looking so gloomy," she remarked. "You are going away with the girl you love. Be happy and gay. Cheer up!"

After they had left for the prince's estate in Roumania Liane calmly thought over the situation for some weeks, and finally filed a divorce suit in Paris, charging her husband with desertion.

It caused an enormous sensation in the French capital, but the case has now been dropped.

Repentant. The prince, who is a nephew of the former Queen Nathalie of Serbia, tired of his adventure, and returned like a prodigal to Liane's handsome country home in Brittany.

"He has returned," Liane has just written to all her intimate friends. He is repentant, unhappy, and sick. I am caring for him. I have sent him to a good nursing home, and I go to see him every afternoon. I am glad he has returned, but I shall always feel chagrin over this experience.

"He sent the clergyman who married us to secure my forgiveness, and I gave it willingly."

"I wonder, after all, why he returned."

And now the two lovers, who are almost fifty, have gone to the Riviera to let the breezes blow old memories away.

instead, as sufficient evidence of his prowess and as proof for claim of the bounty.

The portion displayed had been cut off just behind the fore-legs, because here the body was softer and easier to hack through than at the point where the huge skull joins the spine.

Miscellaneous Articles. The inside of the belly revealed nothing to show that this crocodile had been a man-eater.

All that was found was a collection of deer, goats and buffalo hofs, dog collars and large stones—sufficient evidence, however, to satisfy the Bisayas that any rats their village marauder had been pabbed.

Careful measurements taken with a tape, were as follows: Circumference of body just behind forelegs, 72 in.; length of head, 38 in.; width of top jaw at widest part, 28 in.; girth round closed jaws half-way up, 48 in.; span of extended jaws, 38 in.

The total weight of head and shoulders was 540 lbs., and the whole beast, it was reckoned, weighed very nearly a ton.—C. F. Skinner in "The Field."

FAMILY LIMITATION.**LORD DAWSON AND BIRTH CONTROL.****SOCIETY'S WORK REVIEWED.**

Support for the work of the Society for the Provision of Birth Control Clinics has been developed steadily through the agency of the several centres which, according to the last annual report, now number nine—three in London, four in the provinces, and two in Scotland. In support of the movement a well-attended drawing-room meeting was held by permission of Captain Gerard Leigh, at 16, Grosvenor-street, Mayfair.

Lord Dawson of Penn, who presided, urged the necessity of the regulation of families. He believed there was something approximating to unanimity that such large families as very rightly existed in days gone by were now no longer practicable. There was a genuine opposition to the birth control movement, which should not be ignored, but unfortunately the opposition had been specially true of the conscientious objectors who belonged to the Roman Catholic Church.

During the past three months there had been a somewhat cautious admission that it was possible for honest people to believe in birth control, and yet be worthy citizens. Another feature of the opposition was either a refusal, or a total inability, to face the realities of the position. There was an absence of frankness in all disputants of birth control. Until they could get people to face the question with frankness their opposition could be of but small account.

Birth control had grown up not only with the desire to limit families, but also with a desire to give those who were born a better chance, a better life, and better care. He thought the movement should take steps to try and identify itself with the care and nurture of children, and should make it its business quite as much to deal with adequate parenthood as with the overburdening of parent-hood.

Mrs. Margaret Sanger (president of the American Birth Control League), dealing with the woman's side of the question, remarked that in the United States only one-third of the women were really free. Two-thirds of the women in that country were bearing children 60 per cent of whom did not live to maturity. They were anxious to wipe out wasteful, exhausting, and useless suffering of women and children. Birth control was the keynote of a new social evolution and a new social order. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Harold Cox spoke for the national aspect of the question, and mentioned that there was also an international aspect. Now many nations were increasing their population so rapidly that they were threatening war against others. With regard to the national aspect, he contended that the question was one of fundamental importance to England. This country was over-populated compared with others. In proportion we had twice as dense a population as Germany and four times as dense a population as France. It was the least competent people that were increasing most rapidly. The work of the society had brought gratitude to many women who received practical help. He made an earnest appeal to all supporters of the movement for continued and increased financial assistance.

Miscellaneous. May 12—Weekly lecture of the Hong Kong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell St., 6 p.m.

May 12—Dinner at Govt. House in honour of Dr. R. H. Kotelwall, C.M.G., LL.D.

May 16—Moonlight picnic of St. Peter's Young Men's Club.

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Shadows Before.**COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."****Entertainments.**

May 12—Queen's Theatre; Buster Keaton in "Seven Chances"; Raffles, the Man of Mystery.

May 12—Star Theatre; "Soul Mates."

May 12—World Theatre; "Too Many Kisses."

May 12—H.M.S. "Titanic" Dance, Helena May Institute, 8.45 p.m.

May 12—Tea Dance, Cafe Restaurant Parisien, 4.30 p.m. Dinner Dance, 8 p.m.

May 12-13-14—Occult Demonstration by Prof. Harry Pliser at Lee Theatre, East Pt., 9.15 p.m. of Mystery.

May 13—Special May Dance at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.

May 13—Smoking concert at Volunteer Headquarters, 9.15 p.m.

May 14—Opening performance of Isako's European Circus.

May 17—Star Theatre; The Wilbur Players in their latest comedies and dramas.

Sports.

May 14—Eighth Tournament of the H.K. Boxing Assn., Theatre Royal, 6.15 p.m.

May 18—Postponed Exhibition Tennis Match in aid of M.C.L., 4 p.m.

May 24—Meeting of Fanling Hunt Steeplechases.

Auctions.

May 13—At Messrs. Lammert Bros. sales room, miscellaneous goods, etc., 11 a.m.

May 13—A collection of postage stamps will be auctioned by Messrs. Lammert Bros. at their Sales Room, 5.15 p.m.

May 14—Messrs. Lammert Bros. will sell by public auction at 5, Carnarvon Bldg., Kowloon valuable household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

May 18—Auction of household furniture by Messrs. Lammert Bros. at 23, Humphreys Bldg., Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.

Meetings.

May 13—Legislative Council Finance Committee Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

May 14—Fifth yearly meeting of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Exchange Bldg., Des Voeux Rd., 11.30 a.m.

May 14—China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.'s thirtieth meeting, St. George's Bldg., noon.

May 16—Meeting of Members of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, 4 p.m.

May 17—Forty-sixth annual meeting of the Canton Insurance Co., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

May 20—Fifty-fourth meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Union Bldg., 11 a.m.

May 20—Fifty-eighth meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Union Bldg., 11.20 a.m.

May 20—Sixty-first meeting of British Trading Insurance Co., Ltd., Union Building, 11.15 a.m.

May 21—General meeting of shareholders of Douglas Co., Ltd., Co.'s Office, noon.

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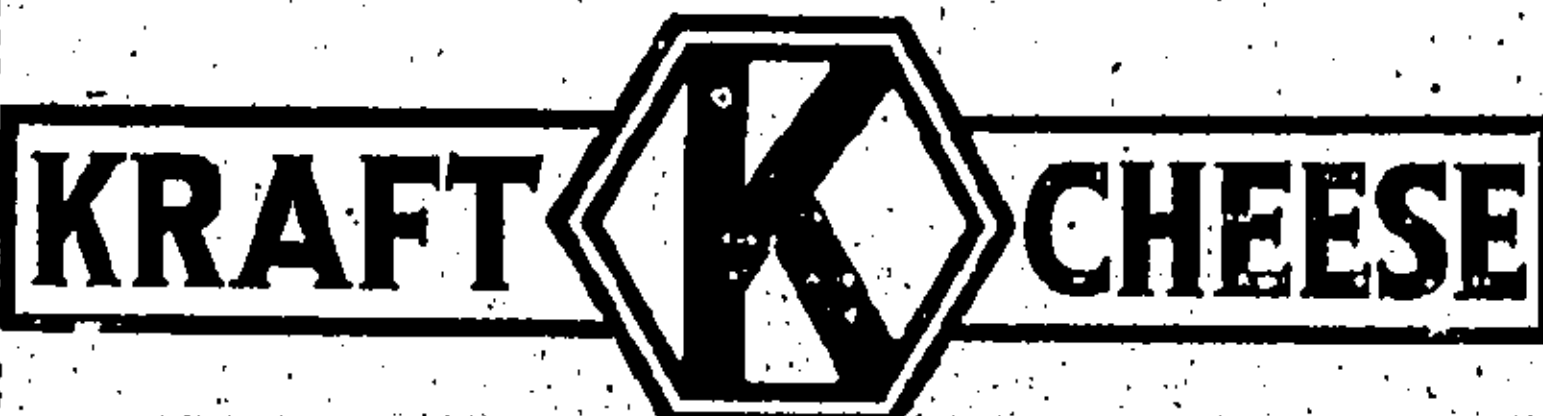
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About 120 men of the R.A.M.C., with equipment, left for Shanghai yesterday by the "Empress of Asia."

Two cases of enteric fever and one of small pox, all three Chinese and all three from Kowloon, were notified yesterday.

Y. M. Decaney, a former violinist of the Queen's Theatre, was ordered at the conclusion yesterday of the action brought against him at the Kowloon Magistracy by his wife, to provide her with \$80 a month. An order was also made that the wife was to have the custody of the four children.

A special May Dance is being held at St. John's Cathedral Hall to-morrow evening when fancy dress will be optional. The dance starts at 8.30 and is limited to seventy couples. There will be tea and light refreshments and the "Titanias" Melodians Orchestra will provide the music. Tickets for gentlemen are \$2 and ladies by courtesy. There will be prizes for the best fancy costumes.

It is interesting to note from the "Yellow Dragon," the organ of Queen's College, that the February-March circulation was eleven hundred copies, which indicates the strength of the appeal it makes to present and past pupils alike. Numbers 1, 2 and 3 issues for this year have been received containing interesting reviews of activities and the continuation of the interesting series of articles on Birds of Hong Kong.

Enquiries at the Kowloon-Canton Railway elicited the information that there was no truth in the report appearing in a vernacular newspaper that information had been received from the management of the railway in Canton stating that the express service would be normal again to-day. It is understood that the slow train service is the only one at present and no information as to the likelihood of starting the express service has been received. The vernacular paper also reported that the local authorities of all districts along the railway had been instructed to see that the road was well guarded.

Messrs. Lammert Bros., auctioneers, have received instructions to sell a quantity of household furniture at No. 23, Humphreys Building, Kowloon, on Wednesday, May 18.

Our Cheung Chau correspondent writes that the Afforestation Department has been busy planting out small trees in the holes previously prepared on the island. The recent rains should give the plants a good start. The rains have cut up the paths somewhat, but the contractor has now men on the job putting them in good shape.

According to our Cheung Chau correspondent, the second match theatre erected on the island by the Vegetarians has now been dismantled. The proceedings concluded with two "Lion" processions, the usual big drum being vigorously beaten. A collection of funds was made from the shops and houses.

Dancing in the air will be one of the features of Germany's new Zeppelin, the LZ 127, which has been chartered by Spain for the air service Seville-Buenos Aires. The walls of the combined dining and drawing-room will be paneled in cedarwood, and there will be a parquet floor second to none that ever adorned an ocean liner. The forty passengers will be able to dance with considerably more comfort than is sometimes experienced in a crowded room.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Halifax Permanent Building Society, Lord Burnham said that "150,000 houses had been purchased through the help of that society. If each of those houses were occupied on the average by four persons, the society's assistance had been extended to provide homes for no less than 600,000 individuals. They say that Providence provides for the provident. Well, I hope that the Providence which provides for the provident will long bless the work of this society until its increase is equal to the public demand, and until, with those that are associated and allied with it, it gives to all our working people and a good many of those who belong to the middle part the chance of acquiring, on fair terms, the house in which they live, for themselves and for their children who come after them."

While Mass was being celebrated on Good Friday in the little church at Loriga, Portugal, the building collapsed. Two persons were killed and 30 injured. Most of the congregation had to be dug out of the ruins.

If the emancipation of womankind is not complete it must be very nearly approaching it, remarks a Liverpool paper. For some time now lady barristers have been making their appearance in the law courts throughout the country, mostly as probationers, but sometimes stepping into the role of acting counsel. Now comes the news that one of their number, Miss Margaret Kidd has ventured into an inquiry before a Select Committee of the House of Commons. She was well supported, for there were no fewer than three K.C.'s to lead her, which fact would leave her really but little or nothing to do. One would scarcely have dared to accuse lady barristers of "showing off," but it is worthy of remark that they don't do any of their waiting in police courts where wig and gown are not worn.

The thieves who robbed a house near Chelmsford and made good their escape by car were able to do so because the police have as yet no method of effectually closing roads to traffic in an emergency, remarks the "Daily Mail" in an editorial comment. What they do when, as in this case, criminals are known to be escaping is to send out a district call to hold up all cars along certain roads. To give effect to this call the police stand in the road and call on every car as it approaches to stop. Innocent drivers pull up at once; criminals ignore the challenge of the police and run the policeman down if he does not get out of the way. What is wanted is some effective means of obstructing roads which criminals cannot break through without risk to themselves. Lights and other signals would remove any danger to law-abiding motorists. In London motor bandits, as was shown by a case a few days ago, find it possible to escape in the crush of traffic. A special police signal could easily be arranged which would have the effect of stopping all traffic. This would add to the chances of the police of capturing the criminals.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. W. A. Harpur, formerly of the "Westminster Gazette," London, has assumed the editorship of the "Straits Echo," Penang.

Mr. F. A. Perry, Manager of the British American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd. left yesterday by the "Empress of Asia" for England via Canada for six months' holiday.

The Bishop of Singapore, who is shortly leaving for Rome on retirement, is paying farewell visits up-country in Malaya, and is not expected back in Singapore until June 1.

Among the passengers arriving here to-day by the s.s. "Taiping" from Australia was Mr. M. Manuk, Secretary of the Hong Kong Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd. Mr. Manuk is also President of the Hong Kong Lodge of the Theosophical Society.

Among passengers leaving for the North yesterday by the s.s. "Empress of Asia" were Mr. R. C. Tredwell, Mr. H. Owen Hughes, Mr. J. J. Brooks, Mr. R. F. Clark, Mr. A. J. Chesterton, Mr. H. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Hansen and Mr. C. D. Robertson.

Passengers arriving at Hong Kong by the s.s. "Taiping" from Australia to-day were Mrs. C. John, Mr. Chas. Ramsay, Mrs. Diamond, Miss P. Diamond, Mr. H. B. Dickson, Mrs. Layton & son, Mrs. J. Howie, Capt. and Mrs. Bayes Davy, Miss M. Bayes Davy, Miss G. Bayes Davy, Mr. and Mrs. T. White, Mr. Hausmann, Mrs. Nolan and daughter, Miss H. Johnson, Miss R. Johnson, Mrs. P. M. Alzona, Mr. P. Aldas, and Mr. H. Glanchand.

The foreign population of Cheung Chau has somewhat thinned out, writes our Cheung Chau correspondent. Dr. and Mrs. Hayes have returned to Canton, and Mrs. Wright has gone to join her husband there. Mr. and Mrs. Wright will be celebrating their silver wedding anniversary at the end of this week. Cheung residents are sorry that these old and tried friends will not be on the island to receive personal congratulations, but wish them many more years of service and companionship together.

Cheung Chau has said goodbye to several of the ladies of the Alliance Mission who are sailing for America, conditions in China preventing their taking up their work again for the time being.

Great preparation is being made at Kensington Palace for the reception of Princess Alice Countess of Athlone and Lady May Cambridge, who will arrive from Africa during May (says the "Sunday Chronicle"). Friends of the Princess at Windsor are hoping she will not forget the Royal borough when she pays out-of-town visits in the summer. She is a popular figure there, and often used to walk alone, carrying a small shopping basket.

I met Lady Astor the other day looking as young and pretty as her own daughter—and told her so! She says she is so busy with engagements she never finds the day long enough (observes a "Sunday Chronicle" writer). Then at a dress show I saw Lady Oxford and Asquith, whose slim figure and "chic" revealed the youngest debutante in the room! Later on in Bond street I contrasted the brisk, "alive" figures of Lord Darling and Lord Birkenhead with the languid bore of the permanently-waved young men in their purple "ensembles," and could not help wondering which is the younger generation?

The following deaths were announced at Home in mail week:—Major S. R. Field, who in July succeeded his father as Clerk of the Peace and Clerk of the County Council of Warwickshire, a descendant of Oliver Cromwell; in Egypt; Miss Frances C. M. Barker, headmistress of the Eversfield School for Girls at Surrey, and formerly English mistress at Newcastle High School, at Worthing, aged 43; Canon A. Temperley, from 1880 to 1900 headmaster of De Aston School, Market Rasen, and subsequently rector of South Willingham, Lincoln, at Heighington, near Lincoln, aged 76; Mr. Walter Howard Tripp, the actor, who played under the name of Tripp Edgar, father of "June," the musical comedy actress, at Brighton; and Mr. William Roberts, founder of the Birmingham Industrial Co-operative Society, and formerly a railwayman, aged 76.

The death has occurred at the age of 82 at Worthing of Mr. Edward Lloyd, the famous tenor. For over thirty years until he retired in 1900 he was idolised as one of the greatest singers of the day.

Paris has received with favour several important models of rose-lilac for evening wear. The colour, which is exactly what it sounds, is becoming to both blondes and brunettes. One of the most popular models in this colour is designed by Jean Patou in velvet. Patou has created in it a gown which the woman of only moderate perfection of figure and colouring can wear as gracefully as her more generously endowed sister. The secret is a deep slender V arrangement of dress embroidery from neck to waistline and narrowing effect of hip line.

The King and Queen have been doing an unusual amount of quiet entertaining at Buckingham Palace recently, and most of their guests, whether at luncheon, tea, or dinner, have commented upon the masses of spring flowers in the Royal rooms (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer). Queen Mary likes flowers on the meal-table. It is a matter upon which she has conservative ideas, preferring gracefully arranged vases of fragrant blooms to decorate the dinner table rather than the fanciful and artificial "novelties" which many hostesses now use for the purpose. Princess Mary also has real flowers for dinner-table decoration, but the Duchess of York occasionally uses decorative details of the more modern order instead of flowers. Arum lilies are among the flowers which grow especially well in the Royal Gardens at Windsor, and on most days now they are to be seen in profusion at Buckingham Palace. The lilies are sent up regularly from Windsor, where the "show" of arums this year is magnificent. Every day flowers and vegetables are sent up from Windsor, under the aegis of the head gardener, to Buckingham Palace while the Court is in residence there. The goods are carefully packed and transported by road. Daffodils are among other spring flowers coming up at this time, and there are usually some of the gardenias, in which Windsor excels, in the flower package.

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Flaquer beat Fyze, 7-5, 6-0, 6-2.—Reuter.

FOOTBALL.

ENGLAND'S BIG WIN OVER BELGIUM.

Brussels, May 11.
In an international football match England beat Belgium by nine goals to one.—Reuter.

PING-PONG.

WAH YAN O.B.U. BEAT ST. PETER'S.

A friendly ping-pong match was played between St. Peter Young Men's Club and the Wah Yan Old Boys' Club on Wednesday night. The Wah Yan Old Boys' Union won 114 games against 61.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT RESULT.

In the third round of the handicap doubles of the Hong Kong C.C. tennis tournament, Dr. W. L. Thomas and G. W. Sewell (owe 2/6) defeated R. M. Henderson and A. B. Green (owe 3/6) yesterday by 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.

To-day's Ties.

Handicap Singles "A".
Semi-final:—C. C. Stark (rec. 3/6) v. L. M. S. Lloyd (rec. 4/6).
Handicap Doubles.
Semi-final:—E. and D. S. Green (owe 3/6) v. Dr. W. L. Thomas and G. W. Sewell (owe 2/6); E. J. R. Mitchell and W. Hyde (owe 1/6) v. F. A. Redmond and L. Forster (owe 15/3).

UNIVERSITY TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The following will represent the University in the League matches on Saturday:—

In the "A" Division against the C.R.C. on the University ground.—P. C. Lim (Captain), F. A. Redmond, R. E. Tottenham, H. C. Hung.

In the "B" Division against the Craighower C.C. on the latter's ground.—T. W. Chong (Captain), B. P. Ng, G. de Souza, W. M. Gittins, T. K. Tan, and D. K. Samy.

IN THE RING.

H.K.B.A. PROGRAMME FOR SATURDAY.

The Hong Kong Boxing Association's last tournament of the season will be held in the City Hall on Saturday night.
Some of the entrants are regular performers for the H.K.B.A., whilst most of the others came before the public eye last week in the V.R.C. tournament.

The only two newcomers are A. B. Halligan and A. B. Coombes, both of whom have good reputations.

The programme is as follows:—
Championship Fight.—A. B. Hindle v. A. B. Halligan.
Welterweight Contest (10 rounds).—A. B. Ewin v. A. B. Coombes.
Bantamweight Contest (6 rounds).—Stoker Gold v. A. B. Kirkhead.
Featherweight Contest (6 rounds).—Marine Hills v. Warder Grant.
Welterweight Contest (6 rounds).—A. B. Green v. Pte. Spalding.
Lightweight Contest.—A. B. Baker v. Stoker Whittington.

GOLF.

WHITESUNDE MEETING AT FANLING.

The competitions at the Whitesunde meeting at Fanling, which will extend from June 3 (H.M. King's birthday) to June 6 (Whit Monday), include a running bogey pool, a medal pool and best ball (in four-omes), less half combined handicap, medal round. The first two can be played on the same round, but separate cards must be taken out before playing.

On Sunday morning, May 22, a team of eight from the main Club will play eight representatives of the Junior at the Valley. An anonymous donor has offered to provide spoons for the winners. The main idea is to afford the Committee an opportunity to judge of the handicaps of Junior Section members as compared with those who play at Fanling and Deep Water Bay.

PUNJABIS SPORTS.

RIVALRY AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

A RECORD BROKEN.

Keen rivalry marked the events at the annual sports yesterday of the 5th Battalion, 2nd Punjab Regiment, held at the U.S.R.C. ground under the patronage of Lieut.-Col. V. Coates and other officers when among the many visitors was Major General C. C. Lunard, Commodore Pearson, Col. Hayley Bell, Colonel Ferrers, of the Camerons, Capt. Calvert, of H.M.S. "Frobisher", Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax and Dr. J. T. Smalley.

No. 14 Platoon came out on top with 21 points and competitions decided elsewhere resulted in No. 7 Platoon winning the Shooting Trophy and in the Headquarters' Platoon winning the Hockey Cup for the third year in succession.

The 7th Platoon also proved to be the best Lewis Gun unit, whilst to "A" Company fell for the second successive year the distinction of being the best all-round Company.

The Regimental record for the 100 Yards Flat Race was broken by a fifth of a second by Sepoy Ahmed Khan, whose time was 10-3/5 seconds.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Gore, wife of Major Gore, of the Battalion, who was presented with a bouquet by the President of the Meeting, Lieut.-Col. Coates.

Results.

Inter-Platoon Relay Race.—1, 19th Platoon; 2, 15th Platoon.

Long Jump.—1, Sepoy Sardar Khan; 2, Ahmed Khan; 3, Sepoy Nankar Ram. Time, 18 mins. 2 1/2 secs.

440 Yards Flat Race.—1, Shah Din; 2, Sepoy Babu Khan; 3, Ghulam Mohamed. Time, 59-1/5 secs.

Putting the Weight.—1, R. H. M. Pande Khan; 2, Nur Elahi; 3, Sahar Din. Distance, 30 ft. 7 inches.

440 Yards Flat Race Open to Indian Ranks of the Garrison.—1, Gur. Hazara Singh; 2nd Battery H.K.S. R. G. A.; 2, Gur. Ghulam Mohamed (5 Battery); 3, Gur. Abdul Gaffar (4th Battery).

One Mile Flat Race.—1, Sepoy Sant Ram; 2, Guria Ram; 3, Bhagat Singh. Time, 5 mins. 7-1/5 secs.

Camp Followers Race.—1, Mira Baksh and Sahab Din; 2, Sunda Ram and Tota Ram dead-heated with Rakha Singh and Bawha Singh.

High Jump.—1, Havildar Mitha Ram; 2, Fateh Mahomed; 3, L/Nk Khan. Height, 5 ft. 1 in.

Wheel-barrow Race.—1, Jagat Singh and Sant Singh; 2, Ali Bahadur and Raj Wali.

100 Yards Flat Race.—1, Sepoy Ahmed Khan; 2, Babu Khan; 3, Gian Singh. Time, 10-3/5 secs.

One-Half Mile Flat Race. (Open to British ranks of the Garrison).—Pte. Tiernan, R.A.M.C.; 2, Pte. Cranston, K.O.S.B.; 3, Pte. King, K.O.S.B. Time, 2 mins. 16 secs.

Three-Legged Race.—1, Chaudhri Khan and Jamar Khan; 2, Babu Khan and Din Mahomed.

Half-Mile Flat Race.—1, Sant Ram; 2, Guria Ram; 3, Rannia Ram. Time, 2 mins. 20-4/5 secs.

Sack Race.—1, Sepoy Sant Ram; 2, Sepoy Purnan Singh.

220 Yards Flat Race.—1, Sepoy Ahmed Khan; 2, Guria Ram; 3, L/Nk Fateh Khan. Time, 24 secs.

Tug-of-war.—1, 9th Platoon; 2, 3rd Platoon.

Indian Officers' Handicap.—1, Jundar Jagat Singh; 2, Mehdi Khan.

Obstacle Race.—1, Sepoy Purna Singh; 2, Sepoy Unar Din.

Team Relay Race.—1, 14th Platoon; 2, 17th Platoon; 3, 12th Platoon.

Sports Committee.

President, Lieut.-Col. V. Coates, Judges, Major C. T. M. Smith, Captain M. Middleton, Captain R. A. Slater, Subadar Major Dhanna Singh, Subadar Itbar Khan and Subadar Badhawa Ram.

Recorders, Captain M. G. O'Leary, M.B.E., and Subadar Hassan Ali.

Time Keepers, Lieutenant C. D. Upson and Subadar Khan Bahadur.

Starters, Lieutenant G. M. S. Webb and Jemadar Nand Singh.

Marshalls, Lieutenant C. V. King, Subadar Arjan Singh, Jemadar Mehdi Khan and Jemadar Aunsa Ram.

W. M'Stay, the Scottish captain, has been fifteen years with the Celtic.

In 1925 there were fourteen men who assisted Scotland in her three internationals; in 1926 the number rose to 20; and this year to 21.

Hulme, England's outside right from the Arsenal, is an all-round sport. When he was a boy of 16 he was making 100 breaks at billiards.

The South African cricketer, J. M. Blackenberg, now professional with the Nelson Lancashire League club may become secretary of the Worcester County Cricket Club, in which case he would qualify for the county and play as an amateur. He took 88 wickets and scored 884 runs for Nelson last year.

GOLF PROBLEM.

POSITION OF AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS.

An amateur golfer of renown, who has ploughed his way gallantly through two generations of leading tournaments, made a bold suggestion the other day, writes Harry Vardon.

He expressed the view that, so far as concerns championships—and, indeed, all open competitions—the present distinctions which classify amateurs and professionals ought to be abolished. "For the purpose of these events," he said, "let everybody be simply a golfer, just as in first-class cricket everybody is simply a cricketer. There may be categories of Gentlemen and Players, but they serve the needs of cricket exceedingly well.

"In golf, we have the amateur championship decided by match play, and the open championship, which is mostly an affair of the professionals, decided by score-play. Why not have a match play championship and a score-

YALE'S BEST ATHLETE.



Lawrence M. Noble, of Syracuse, New York, who was voted to be the best all-around athlete as well as the handsomest man of Yale College, "Larry" has starred in baseball, football and hockey. He is working his way through Yale College.

play championship, and let anybody with proper qualifications in the way of ability compete for either, without worrying about his status as amateur or professional.

"And so in regard to the present amateur and professional championships of Scotland, Wales, Ireland, and other countries, let them be tests at different forms of the game, instead of tests among two separate sections of the community. It is impossible in the present condition of golf to draw a line at which amateurism ends and professionalism begins."

The conversation had turned upon the results of leading amateur tournaments, and the fact that at least a few of them had been won by players who, while observing rightly the conditions imposed by the amateur definition in golf, presented with perfect frankness the interesting circumstances of amateur honours falling to men who earn their livelihood solely in connection with the game.

Our friend the veteran pointed out that Mr. Thomas Dobson had gained the Scottish amateur championship on the Muirfield links when he worked there as a green-keeper; and that Mr. Thomas Duncan had secured another big event, an annual tournament which led up to the Scottish championship, at St. Andrews when working there as a club-maker.

These were triumphs of merit and equity. Mr. Dobson and Mr. Duncan had no desire to play as professionals, although the former has since become one. The law allowed them to compete as amateurs, and they succeeded as such. What the veteran wished to point out was that many a young amateur might develop first-class form if he had the same facilities for practice as a green-keeper working on the course or a club-maker employed within a few yards of it, and that, if harsh distinctions could not be drawn, it would be best to have none at all.

John Low's Dictum.

It sounds either very advanced or very Arcadian; I do not know which.

I suppose that, in Arcadia, there would be only one championship at every game, and it would fall to the best player of that game, irrespective of whether he engaged in it wholly or partly for his living or solely for pleasure.

A prosaic world has created many championships, some for amateurs and some for professionals and some for both. There are opportunities of combining pleasure with business. Some where or other, Mr. John Low

THE BOAT RACE.

PRIVATE DISPUTE BECAME NATIONAL EVENT.

The University Boat Race, now one of the chief sporting events of the year—and of national interest even among schoolchildren—originated more than a century ago as the result of a private dispute between two hot-tempered students.

For some years the Oxford undergraduates had devoted their energies to river sports, and were fast gaining a high reputation throughout the country for their fine sculling feats. Naturally, students at the rival University, Cambridge, were rather jealous of this, as they also prided themselves not a little over their prowess on the River Cam.

One day, when an "Oxford man" was bragging rather loudly over the unrivalled success of his college, a fiery Cambridge student intervened and violently resented such an assumption of superiority.

The dispute (says "M. L. S. in the 'Daily Chronicle'") waxed long and loud, and threatened at one time to come to blows—tempers were short in those days—but at last it was decided that a crew of the best oarsmen in Oxford should compete against a picked Cambridge crew and so settle the question.

On the appointed day the Oxford crew turned up for their first race, resplendent in dark blue and white striped jerseys and very broad-rimmed black straw hats trimmed with blue ribbon. The Cambridge crew wore white shirts with pink waistcoats and ties, and to give a finishing touch to their outfit, several of the oarsmen of both crews sported long flowing beards.

The Oxford crew won this first boat race, and so adopted dark blue as their lucky colour. They wore the same jerseys and ribbons for the second race, and tied dark blue bows on their oars and on the side of their boat.

The Cambridge crew forgot until the last minute the importance of a boating colour of their own, and then, just before the race started, an oarsman rushed into the nearest shop and demanded some ribbon. He came back with a bunch of light blue satin ribbon and pinned it on the front of the boat. This time they won the boat race, and so ever since pale blue has been their boating colour.

Three times have the Celtic won the Scottish Cup and the League championship in the same season. They are the only club to have performed the double event.

formerly chairman of the Rules of Golf Committee and the most readily accepted of all authorities on the game, has set down the remark that a person who achieves distinction at sport cannot very well help deriving financial benefit from it.

What if amateurs sometimes mention their business during the round—as often, per adventure, they do—and subsequently complete a transaction?

No exception can be taken to this kind of chance conversation during a game of golf. It is a circumstance which people accept as a perfectly reasonable state of affairs that many of the leading amateurs of both hemispheres are in business which enable them to devote a great deal of time to golf. Moreover, the game may lead to business without preliminary intent that it should do so. There is nothing to be said against that. But it is hardly matter for surprise if the green-keeper or the clubmaker regards amateur golf in much the same light.

Simplicity in Sport.

In point of fact the drastic proposal of our veteran friend to merge amateurs and professionals into one body of golfers, for the purpose of competitions without distinction as to status is already an accomplished state of affairs in many of the artistic clubs of Scotland.

Such clubs at St. Andrews, for instance, are open to anybody who is a player and a good citizen, and men who are professionals in the terms of the present definition frequently win competitions in which no money is offered as prizes. Laurence Auchterlonie, who became a professional many years ago, but who has played for a long while as an amateur, secured the St. Andrews Club's handicap medal not long ago with 68, plus 4—72, his 68 equalling George Duncan's record for the Old Links of St. Andrews.

There seems to be no fault to find with such a situation. So perhaps the proposal of our friend that we should cease to try and draw a dividing line in championships has more to recommend it than appears at first sight.

BOXING BOUTS.

20 ROUNDS TO REMAIN FOR CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS.

Further proposed steps with relation to the voluntary scheme inaugurated last year for the registration of professional boxers in this country were laid before the annual general meeting of the British Boxing Board of Control held last month, with J. W. H. T. Douglas in the chair.

It was reported that many well-known boxers had availed themselves of this scheme, among them being Phil Scott, Tommy Milligan, Jack Hood, Ali Mancini, Johnny Sullivan, Boy McCormick, and Dave Magill.

It was decided also to endorse the Council's proposed scheme for further co-operation with foreign control bodies. It was reported that on October 11 the secretary of the German boxing authority had written complaining of the behaviour of certain English boxers who had visited Germany, as a result of which it had been decided only to permit in Germany bouts with British boxers who were in possession of a licence of the British Boxing Board of Control.

The advisability of altering the length of championship contests was debated, but it was eventually decided that it should remain at 20 rounds.

At the annual meeting of the certified referees of the Board, held on the same day, a resolution was passed advising the Council to pass a rule to the effect that certified referees, when they had occasion to disqualify a boxer, should report the disqualifications and the circumstances to the Council of the Board.

SECRET OF SUCCESS.

DOING ONE'S OWN JOB WELL.

WHAT THE COUNTRY WANTS.

"What the country wants is not so much men of extraordinary capacity as men who can be trusted to do reliable work in a subordinate position, that is to say men who can perform a task efficiently and conscientiously without any supervision from higher up—men with initiative, able to act without running to someone else for instructions, ready to assume responsibility as a mere matter of course."

"No force of character, no attractiveness of personality, can ever compensate for ignorance of one's job."

These statements were made to the Ethological Society in London on February 2 by Dr. Bernard Hollander in a lecture on "The Development of Personality."

The superiority of a personality, he said, consisted generally in character, qualities and moral influence, and not so much in superiority of intelligence. It was character that made personality, a man's character being mainly his unconscious self. The internal forces which constituted a man's character and impelled him to action, were to a large extent inherited. The man of personality trusted most in his own energy, prudence, and liabilities. Consequently he was always ready when called upon to have prompt and calm and fertile resources, while the man who trusted to others feared to move unsupported.

The man of personality had a purpose that was worth while, and that explained why men went as pioneers into a vast wilderness and why they faced hardships. Just as the swallow was instinctively driven on its voyage through the air, so the great personality was instinctively drawn to his task. It was well to have some guiding principle in life, something that would spur one to do one's best. "We cannot," said Dr. Hollander, "all be geniuses; indeed, most men achieve success only by steady methodical plodding. Sudden lucky inspirations come only to those who have persevered on the path towards their goal and have become masters of their subject. There are plenty of people who desire a palace to live in, but they have not the patience and perseverance to see it building up brick by brick."

Wooden soldiers did not become Generals, and to gain personality it was necessary to have ambition of a worthy kind, a desire to succeed and a willingness to pay the price, which might be hard work, poverty, and struggle for a time. Faith in one's self was also essential. It was said to think how much talent had been lost to the world through self-confidence being too weak to enable the talented one to rise to the occasion and to fill a responsible office. Honesty to oneself was essential, and while most men readily admitted their sins, few were willing to admit their faults. "Love was essential, because it implied sympathy. Most hate was based on ignorance. Self-discipline was essential. It might not matter to your chief whether you did your business at once; it might not matter to your friends whether you replied to letters sooner or later; but it should matter to you, for by prompt attention you were disciplining yourself and building up a strong will. Command of self was also essential; and ready, persistent and earnest work was the golden rule."

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MAY 12, 1927, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers Society.
T.T. on London	210 1/4	210 1/4	210 1/4
T.T. on Shanghai	79 1/4	79 1/4	79 1/4
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	106 1/2 b	106 1/2 n	106 1/2 b
do. London	211 1/4 n	211 1/4 n	211 1/4 n
Chartered Bank	220 n	220 n	220 n
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	230 n	230 n	230 n
do. C.	213 1/4 n	213 1/4 n	213 1/4 n
P. & O. Bank	49 1/2 n	49 1/2 n	49 1/2 n
Bank of East Asia	68 n	68 n	68 n
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	\$660 n	\$625 n 640 s	\$560 n
China Underwriters	80 cts n	80 cts n	80 cts n
North China Insurance	114 1/2 b	114 1/2 b	114 1/2 b
Union Insurance	20 1/2 b	20 1/2 b	20 1/2 b
Yangtze Insurance	\$38 M n	38 n	38 n
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	205 b	205 b	205 b
H.K. Fire Insurance	600 b	600 b	600 b
Shipping.			
Douglases	31 n	31 n	31 n
Hongkong Steamboats	21 1/2 b	22 b	22 1/2 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10 n	1.10 n	1.10 s
Indo-China (Pref)	30 n	30 n	30 n
do. (Def.)	38 1/2 b	40 n	40 n
Shell Transport	94 1/2 s	91 1/2 s	94 1/2 s
Star Ferries	52 1/2 b	52 1/2 b	52 1/2 n
Waterways	14 1/2 b	14 1/2 b	14 1/2 b
Refineries.			
China Sugars	18 1/4 b	18 1/4 b	18 1/4 n
Malayan Sugars	31 n	31 s	31 n
Mining.			
Benguet	1.70 b	1.70 b	1.70 b
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 1/2 b	38 1/2 b	40 1/2 n
Langkats (Combined)	\$21 n	21 1/2 b	21 1/2 b
do. (Single)	0 1/2 n	0 1/2 n	0 1/2 n
Shanghai Exploration	14 n	14 n	14 n
Shanghai Loan	7 n	7 n	7 n
Rauba	4 n	4 n	4 n
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2 n	21 1/2 n	21 1/2 n
Ural Caspian	8 1/2 n	8 1/2 n	8 1/2 n
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	08 n	08 n	06 1/2 b
H.K. & W. Docks	38 n	38 n	33 n
Hongkows	135 b	135 b	135 b
New Engineerings	1 1/2 b	1 1/2 b	1 1/2 b
Shanghai Docks	1103 b	105 b	103 b
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7.05 b	7.05 n	7 s
Hongkong Lands	54 b	54 1/2 b	53 1/2 s
Hongkong Realty	6 n	6 n	6 b
H.K. Territories	1 1/4 n	1 1/4 n	1 1/2 s
Humphreys Estates	12 1/2 n	11 1/2 b	11 1/2 s
Prince's Building	89 n	87 n	87 n
Rural Lands	1 1/2 n	1 1/2 n	1 1/2 n
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T. 7 1/4 b	7.60 b	7 1/2 b
Oriental	T. 2 b	1.90 b	2 s
Shanghai Cottons (old)	T. 1 1/2 b	51 b	52 n
do. (new)	T. 2 1/2 b	26 b	26 n
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	5 n	5 n	5 1/2 n
Cements (comb.)	7 n	7 n	6 1/2 b
do. (old)	6 n	6 n	5 1/4 s
do. (new)	1 n	1 n	1 1/2 Cts. b
China Buses	9 n	9 n	9 n
China Lights (comb.)	12 1/2 b	12 1/2 b	12 1/2 b
do. (old)	9.05 n	9 1/4 b	9 1/4 b
do. (new)	6 n	6 n	6 b
China Prov.	4.35 b	4 1/4 b	4 1/4 b
Dairy Farms	15 n	15 b	15 1/2 n
Der A. Wing	6 n	6 n	6 n
Hongkong Amusements	19 n	19 b	19 b
H.K. Constructions	2.30 n	2.30 n	19 s
Hongkong Electric	5 1/2 b	5 1/2 b	5 1/2 b

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COLONEL LAWRENCE AND HIS PUBLISHER.

By way of preface to Colonel Lawrence's "Revolt in the Desert," which Mr. Robert Lynd describes in a review as "the book of the year," there is an amusing "Publisher's Note," which may give the general public some idea of the difficulties the publisher had to contend with in dealing with so unconventional an author as Colonel Lawrence.

"It seems necessary," the publisher declares, "to explain that the spelling of Arabic names throughout this book varies according to the whim of the author."

"There are," observes Colonel Lawrence, "some 'scientific systems' of transliteration helpful to people who know enough Arabic not to need helping, but a washout for the word. I spell my names anyhow to show what the systems are."

Here are some of the queries sent to the author by the publisher, with Col. Lawrence's replies appended.

Publisher's query: "Slip 1. Jeddah and Jidda used impartially throughout. Intentional?"

Colonel Lawrence: "Rather."

Publisher's query: "Slip 16. Bir Waheida, was Bir Waheidi?"

Colonel Lawrence: "Why not? All one name."

Against the publisher's "Slip 23. The usulta is also spelt Biscita?"

Colonel Lawrence remarks simply, "Good."

..... was a splendid beast," he writes when taxed with spelling Jedha, the she-camel, as Jednah on slip 40.

On slip 53 the publisher wrote, "Meleager, the immortal poet. I have put 'immortal' poet, but the author may mean immortal after all."

"Immortality I know," writes Colonel Lawrence. "Immortality I cannot judge. As you please. Meleager will not sue us for libel."

At present Colonel Lawrence is serving in India as "Private Shaw," of the Air Force.

A short time ago Mr. George Bernard Shaw sent him out a copy of his latest book, "Translations and Tomfooleries."

G.B.S. inscribed these words on the fly leaf, "To Private Shaw from Public Shaw."

COLONEL LAWRENCE

£4,000 DEMANDED IN U.S. FOR BOOK.

A copy of the "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" was exhibited in the office of an American publisher at the price of £4,000.

The book, a very simple one from the printer's point of view, is exciting great curiosity because of the conditions attached to its publication by Colonel Thomas Edward Lawrence, "the unswerving King of Arabia," the title which his war exploits in Arabia gained him. The edition is limited to twenty copies, only ten of which are available for the public.

The publisher, who points out that the price is far more than that demanded in London for an edition of 150 copies, says he does not expect or want to sell the book.

The prohibitive price is fixed to protect Col. Lawrence's copyright and to prevent the full story of his adventures from becoming public property through pirated editions.

An expurgated edition of the "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" is to be issued at a normal price under the title of "Revolt in the Desert." Col. Lawrence is reported at present to be serving as a mechanic in the British Tank Corps in India with the rank of private.

MR. THOMAS HARDY.

The following message from Mr. Thomas Hardy, the novelist, was read at a meeting held at Taunton to protest against "blood" sports:

The human race being still practically barbarian, it does not seem likely that men's delight in cruel sports can be lessened except by slow degrees. To attempt even this is, however, a worthy object, which I commend Mr. Eden Phillips, the play-

JOHN MAYNE.

AUTHOR OF "THE SILLER GUN."

John Mayne, the amiable author of "The Siller Gun," was born at Dumfries on March 26, 1769, and was educated at the Grammar School of his native town under Dr. Chapman, whose learning and character are celebrated by Mayne himself.

A year after leaving school Mayne became a printer, and was employed by a Dumfries paper. He had been but a short time at this business when his family removed to Glasgow, where John found employment in a printing establishment, and where he remained for five years.

The chief predilection of the young printer appears, from a very early age, to have been towards poetry, and that, too, in his own native dialect, instead of the stilted and more fashionable diction of Pope and others. In him such a preference was the more noticeable, because it was before the poetry of Burns had arrested the decay of the native Scottish, and given it a classical permanency. It is worthy of mention, also, that Mayne's poem entitled "Hallowe'en" evidently suggested to the Ayrshire bard both the subject and style of one of his happiest productions of the same name.

So early as 1777 the germ of "The Siller Gun," consisting of twelve stanzas, was printed at Dumfries on a single quarto sheet. Two years later it appeared, expanded to two cantos; in 1780 it was extended to three, and published in "Ruddiman's Magazine"; and in 1808 it appeared in London, enlarged to four cantos, with notes and a glossary.

The poem is founded upon an ancient custom which existed in Dumfries, called "Shooting for the Siller Gun," which is a small silver tube, like the barrel of a pistol, presented by James VI. and ordained as a prize to the best marksman amongst the corporations of that town.

Sir Walter Scott's Opinion.

In 1763 Mayne's beautiful song, "Logan Braes," appeared. Burns, mistaking it for an old composition, as it was published anonymously, produced an imitation, which certainly does not surpass, if it equals, the original. Mayne's most important production next to "The Siller Gun," which Sir Walter Scott said "surpassed the best efforts of Ferguson and came near to those of Burns," was a descriptive poem entitled "Glasgow."

Of this work, published in 1803, accompanied with illustrative notes, it may be said that it possesses considerable merit, and is worthy of attention from its interesting pictures of a condition of men and things that have entirely passed away from the Scottish metropolises of the West.

John Mayne removed to London in 1787, and ultimately became joint editor and proprietor of the "Star," an evening paper which, under his management, proved a most profitable and successful journal. From year to year Mayne contributed to his own columns, and also to the pages of the "Gentleman's Magazine," poems, chiefly Scottish, all characterised by careful fastidiousness, in which quality rather than quantity was the chief object of solicitude.

Though long resident in London, he retained his Scottish enthusiasm to the last—stopping in the midst of his duties at a public journalist to trace some remembrance of his native Dumfries and the banks of the Nith, or to hum over some rural or pastoral song which he had heard forty or fifty years before.

After a spotless life of great industry and usefulness, extended to seventy-seven years, the gentle poet died at his residence in London on March 14, 1836. As Dr. Chambers puts it, "His name, as well as his poetry, recalls the strength and tenacity of early feelings and local associations."

wright, in a message to the meeting wrote:

Like every other educated man, I oppose "blood" sports, because they are inhuman and barbarous. Let us try to educate the rising generation to a clearer and more decent standard of sport. I hear a ridiculous argument that young people can be made brave and plucky and "sporting" only in the hunting field. It is driven of that sort we must combat.

A NEW OMAR.

NEW AND SCHOLARLY TRANSLATION.

From the French of Mons. J. B. Nicolas, Mr. Francis Dyson, of Sydney, has translated a new Omar for British readers. It is a scholarly rather than a poetic work. Fitzgerald's poem, which is a paraphrase rather than a translation, is likely to hold its place in the hearts of those who think less of the Persian's philosophy than of his jolly humour—as it is portrayed by Fitzgerald's art. Mr. Dyson, following M. Nicolas, who rightly sees in each of the quatrains a complete poem expressing one or more thoughts, has given us a version which is probably closer to the original than Fitzgerald's, but harder by far to read. There are frequent changes of metre and rhyme scheme, but of this there can be no sound complaint, since the reader has been warned that there is no sequence in the Ruba'iyat. Here is one of the best of the 464 quatrains:—

"Oh, Potter, who fashioned our clay to a spirit immortal,
Divine:
Endowed us with Passion and Love
and gave us this amaranth wine,
Thou bid'st us beware of the three—
—paradox I can ne'er understand;
Dost hand us a glad, loving cup—
then dash it away from our hand."

BOOK GOSSIP.

Wm. Collins, Sons & Co., Ltd., have in course of preparation 100 volumes in a new series entitled the "King's Way Classics," which will bring within its scope every branch of world literature—Bibliography, Essays and Belles Lettres, Fiction, Poetry, Travel, Drama, Books on the Open Air, etc., etc. The greatest writers of the present day are fully represented, such as Joseph Conrad, J. C. Squire, Alfred Noyes, Hilaire Belloc and Laurence Binyon, to name only a few. Ten volumes were published during March and the price of each volume in the series is 3s. 6d. net.

Many unpublished stories of famous people, living and dead, are promised in "The Joy of Life," a new book by "A Woman of No Importance," which is to be issued at an early date by John Murray. The writer is already well known, and her new book, which deals largely with Sport and Country Life, will certainly enhance her reputation.

Mr. Cecil Palmer is publishing immediately a powerful new novel by Ridgwell Cullum, entitled "The Wolf Pack." The author has an irresistible style, the result of which provides a real good solid and exciting story, and his many readers will not be disappointed in this his latest work.

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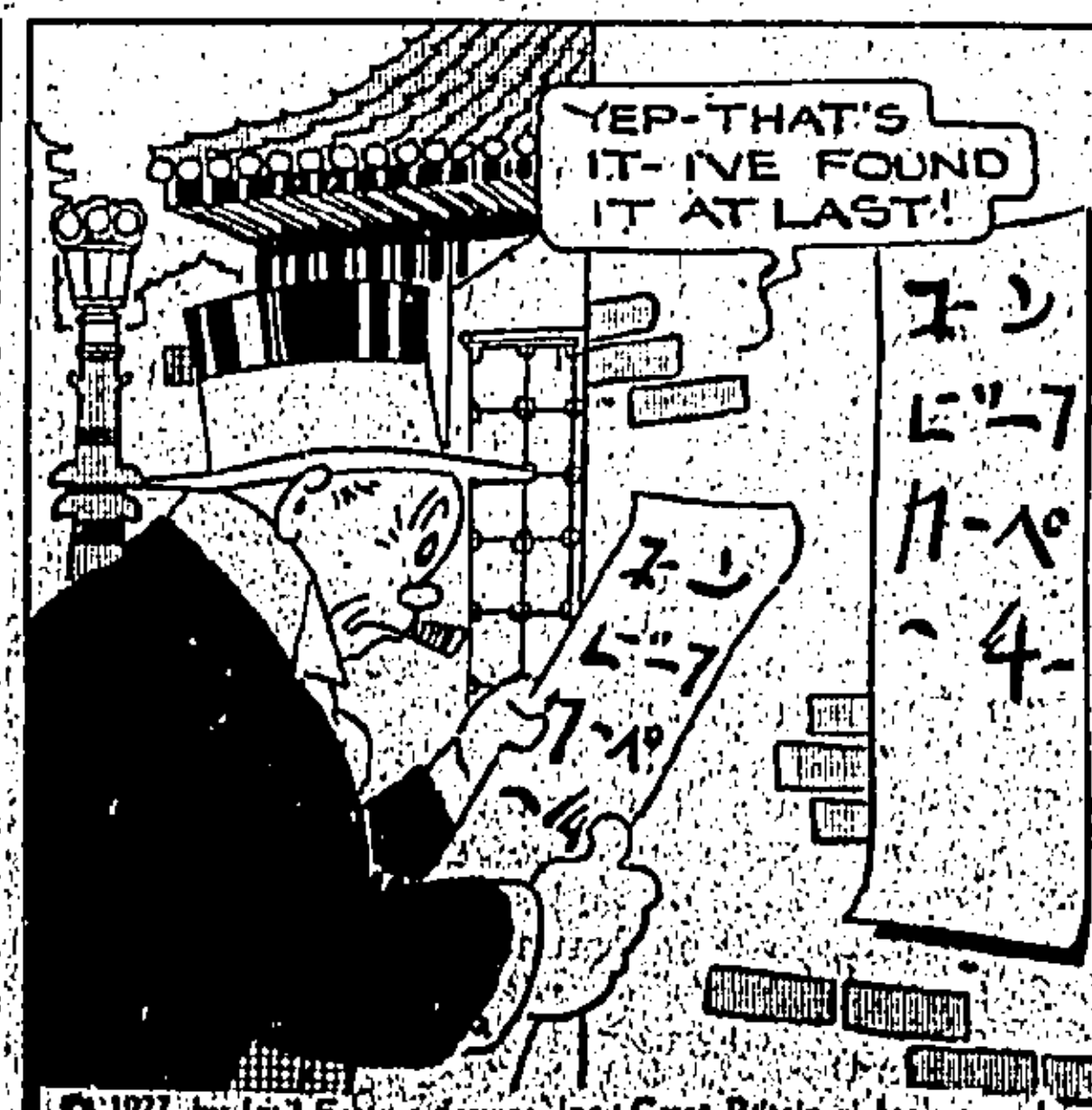
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

The well-known Sussex naturalist, the Rev. J. P. Bacon Phillips, of Burgess Hill, reports having seen a white-rook, a great rarity.

One hundred and forty-eight men, the last of a batch of 600 to be discharged from Devonport Dockyard, received a fortnight's notice.

Stafford Hall Social Club, South-end-on-Sea, was struck off the register for twelve months because of the illegal sale of liquor. Notice of appeal was given.

An examination board on which qualified medical men are to be asked to serve is being formed by a committee of the British Association of Manipulative Surgeons.

A decrease of £1,609 in the year's income (£6,652) of the London Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Society compared with 1925 was reported at the annual meeting of the society. Annuities are provided for 165 persons.

In the House of Lords the Royal Albert Hall Bill was referred to a Select Committee so that the public and general interest might form a subject of reference, and the Committee will have power to hear counsel and to examine witnesses on oath.

Wide disagreement as to the policy to be adopted with regard to the reduction of fares is said to exist in the London taxi-cab industry.

Preaching at St. George's, Edgbaston, Dr. Barnes, Bishop of Birmingham said, that any hope that the new Prayer Book would bring peace and order to the Church seemed to be illusory.

Two donations from New York are included in a further list of contributions, which bring to £2,477 the fund in aid of the three French heroines, who sheltered British soldiers from the Germans.

Any member of the Church of England who tried to secure the rejection of the bishops' proposals with regard to the Prayer Book was accepting a very grave responsibility, Dr. Hensley Henson, Bishop of Durham, declared at a Diocesan conference.

While travelling at over sixty miles an hour an express train crashed into a motor-jetty at a level crossing at Cowpen, Bowley, between Stockton-on-Tees and West Hartlepool. For 600 yards the sleepers were ploughed up by a derailed bogey before the train was stopped. None of the passengers was injured. The driver of the jetty and a lad sitting beside him escaped with severe head injuries.



Many tales have drifted down from North Canada of how men have overtaken and captured wolves, deer and other swift-footed inhabitants of the woods of Ontario and Quebec. Readers of such have often been sceptical but the above photograph, taken only a short distance from the Canadian Pacific lines in the Laurentian Mountains, that such a thing is possible, in the case of deer at least. Heavy snow, as can be seen, accounts for this and in the picture above several trappers on snowshoes have succeeded in capturing two animals in question. The deer looking placidly into the camera was no doubt caught only after an exhausting chase through the deep drifts. The little doe that seems to be just an armful for the trapper, will doubtless be admired in a short time by thousands of people in some city park. Trappers in the northern sections of Ontario and Quebec have saved many of these young animals from death by freeing them from heavy drifts of snow, and thus keeping them from packs of hungry wolves.



Sir W. Joynson-Hicks (Home Secretary) has informed a correspondent that he has no power to order the muzzling of Alsatian dogs.

Mr. T. McKinnon Wood, the former Liberal M.P. for the St. Rollox Division of Glasgow, and for some time Financial Secretary to the Treasury, has died, aged 72.

Mr. Lloyd George was subjected to a running fire of interruptions by Socialists who gained admittance to a Liberal "ticket" meeting in connection with the North Southwark by-election. Several of the interrupters were ejected.

There was a pathetic incident at the Royal Academy, London, which was receiving day for sculpture. Mr. John Taylor of Forest Hill, on arriving to submit his work, had the misfortune to smash it on the receiving table. He was so overcome by the mishap that it is stated he decided there and then to give up the work of sculpture.

There was brisk buying at Christie's four pictures sent by a Welsh lady, who had a very modest opinion of their value, realising £1,500.

The State Apartments and Swiss Cottage Museum at Osborne will be open to the public this year on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, September 30 next.

Summoned for supplying intoxicating liquor after permitted hours at Newman's Billiards Club, Circus Road, St. John's Wood, Tom Newman, the billiards player, was at Marylebone fined £30 with £15 15s. costs.

The Northern Polytechnic, Holloway, founded in 1892, was extended when a new building, costing £21,000, was opened by Mr. J. M. Gatti, chairman of the London County Council. It will provide accommodation for a further 500 students.

Dr. F. L. Keith, medical officer of health for Rowley Regis, Staffordshire, was appointed medical officer of Bethnal Green at £1,000 a year.

The National Art Collections Fund has now a membership of 5,500, stated Sir Robert Witt, the chairman, at a lecture on Flemish art given by Mr. Roger Fry.

A surcharge of £1,271 upon the Greenwich Board of Guardians for excessive outdoor relief at Christmas, 1925, has been remitted by the Minister of Health.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who has been suffering from influenza, did not undertake the consecration of the new Bishop of Peterborough in Westminster Abbey.

An American millionaire, Mr. Van Lear Black, accompanied by a secretary and a valet, left Croydon by air liner, which he had chartered, for a 3-weeks pleasure trip in Europe.

A contract for eight "15 A" class locomotive boilers for the Union of South Africa Railways has been given, says "Modern Transport," to the North-British Locomotive Co., Ltd., Glasgow.

Mrs. M. Partridge's Sprig won the Grand National Steeplechase by a length from Bovril III, with Bright's Boy third. Only seven horses, out of the thirty-seven which started, completed the course.

Sir Frank Baines, speaking at a luncheon given by the Carpenters' Company in aid of the Preservation of Ancient Cottages Fund, said he believed the movement would result in the reclamation of village industries.

Viscount Craigavon, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, states that the success of the Local Option campaign in 1929 in Ulster would entail his resignation. He adds that he has neither the inclination nor the health to enter upon a controversy which would divide Loyalists so that all they had won might be endangered.

What is regarded as the first important move, so far as Britain is concerned, to amalgamate the conflicting interests of the three main groups into which the cinema industry is divided—producers, renters, and exhibitors—is the registration of Gaumont-British Picture Corporation, with a nominal capital of £2,500,000. The new organisation has a controlling interest in the Biocolour circuit of cinemas, and is understood to be in treaty for several others.

Provided that steps are taken to construct a bridge and approaches at Charing-cross, in accordance with a scheme to be approved by the Government and the London County Council, the Improvements Committee of the Council recommend that effect be given to the proposals of the Royal Commission with regard to the reconstruction of Waterloo Bridge. In view of the urgency of the situation the committee suggest that an early decision should be taken in respect of the Charing-cross Bridge. Until it is definitely known whether a bridge will be erected at Charing-cross or not, the committee point out, it would be contrary to public policy to decide on the form which Waterloo Bridge should take. With regard to the Victoria Dock-road scheme the committee express their readiness to enter into negotiations with a wholehearted desire to do the best for London.

AT THE STAR.**"SOUL MATES" TO-DAY TO SATURDAY.**

Scenes in an aerial express of the type which flies between London and Paris were filmed for the first time by Director Jack Conway for Elinor Glyn's "Soul Mates". Scenes showing the embarkation in London and the arrival in Paris of the huge flying machine are scenes of an actual embarkation, and arrival filmed abroad, while the interior scenes were photographed in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. The passengers on this trip include: Aileen Pringle as Velma, heroine of the story, and Edmund Lowe as Lord Tancred, her bridegroom, flying from her in a buff to obtain a divorce at the French capital. On finding themselves fellow passengers, on the plane they effect a reconciliation. The scene is one of the most interesting ever filmed by reason of the novelty of its setting.

Others in the cast are: Phillippe Smalley, Antonio D'Alcy, Edythe Chapman, Katherine Bennett, Lucien Littlefield and Ned Sparks. Carey Wilson wrote the adaptation.

WORLD THEATRE.**"TOO MANY KISSES" TO-DAY TO SATURDAY.**

The little Basque village of Touraine in the Pyrenees is the scene of Richard Dix's new Paramount picture, "Too Many Kisses."

The story, which opens in a mining office in New York City, was directed for the screen by Paul Sloane, from an adaptation of John Monk Saunders' Cosmopolitan Magazine serial, "A Maker of Gestures." It brings Dix to the screen in the role of a happy-go-lucky, romantic, fighting, young American. His one weakness is a beautiful girl and his father packs him off to Europe to a town away back in the mountains where no one would ever believe it likely that he would meet and fall in love with the most beautiful girl he'd ever set eyes on.

How Dix has to reckon with a jealous and fiery Basque captain of the guards before he can claim Yvonne as his own, makes "Too Many Kisses" one of the fastest moving pictures you've seen in months. Frances Howard plays Yvonne and William Powell the cast as the villainous captain.

AT THE QUEEN'S.**"SEVEN CHANCES" TO-DAY TO SATURDAY.**

"Seven Chances" is presented by Joseph M. Schenck through Metro-Goldwyn pictures. It was adapted from David Belasco's famous stage comedy by Jean Hayes, Joe Mitchell and Clyde Bruckman, and was directed by Buster Blumfeld.

Buster's supporting cast consists of Ruth Dwyer, leading woman; T. Roy Barnes, famous stage and film star; Ennis Edwards, Jules Cowles, Marion Harlan, daughter of Otis Harlan; Loro Bara, sister of Theda Bara; a bevy of fifteen "baby stars" and 777 "brides" of all ages and sizes.

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Shanghai	12	Kanchow.
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12-YEAR OLD UNCLE.

Nephew Charged With Kidnapping.

AN UNUSUAL CASE.

An unusual case was heard in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court this morning when a Chinese was charged with kidnapping his 12-year-old uncle.

The small boy's story was that the accused, his elder brother's son, worked in a Jervois Street silk store which was owned by the family. After absconding with \$2,000 belonging to the firm, accused was not seen by the family for about five months. On April 28 accused came to complainant's school in Cochrane Street at 2.10 p.m. and asked for the complainant. The schoolmaster, believing the complainant was wanted at home, allowed him to leave the class. The complainant himself was under the impression that his mother had sent for him. In the street accused said he had bought tickets for the pictures and was going to give complainant a treat. They went to the New World Theatre but did not stay until the end, leaving at 3 p.m. After partaking of food they went for a walk on the Praya. The accused then told the boy that he had received an official appointment in Shekki—and was going there. He had spoken to the complainant's mother and she had agreed that her son should go with him to enter the Military Academy at Canton. Accused enticed the complainant to go on board the "Chuenchow" with him, saying that his mother and elder brother would come to the wharf to see them off. The ship left half an hour later. On the voyage accused explained that they were going to Macao first, because he had some business in Wanchai, across the bay, where he had previously been a detective. After spending one night at Macao they went on to Shekki. Here accused left the complainant in a boarding house and went out. He returned at 1 a.m., and took the complainant out to supper. On the way he confided to the complainant mysteriously that two men had that day been arrested. "A man will come to see me later in the morning," he said, "you keep your mouth closed." At 9 a.m., a man, who appeared to be a farmer, called. He and accused discussed politics and brigandage. Later they went on the verandah and carried on a whispered conversation. Then they both took the complainant to the farmer's hut in a village beyond Shekki. The accused told the complainant he was going away on business and was leaving the complainant with the farmer and his wife. Accused added that he might be away overnight or maybe two or three days, but the complainant need not be afraid as he was quite safe there. Accused never returned. The complainant stayed with the farmer from April 30 to May 4 when his elder brother and some soldiers came and took him away. Luckily for the farmer, he was absent when the soldiers came. The complainant was brought back to Hong Kong and how the accused was arrested he did not know.

After hearing evidence from the boy's mother, Mr. R. E. Lindsell adjourned the case until 11.30 to-morrow morning.

WEATHER FORECAST.

E. or variable winds, moderate; overcast at first, finer later; is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day: barometer, 29.89; temperature, 71; humidity, 99; Wind E, force 1.

EXHIBITION TENNIS MATCH.

The postponed exhibition tennis match in aid of the Women's Guild and M.C.L. will take place (weather permitting) on Wednesday, May 18, at 4 p.m.

The Japanese who fell from the verandah of No. 56, Praya, East on Tuesday, died at the hospital yesterday.

SEDITION CHARGES.

TWO CHINESE FROM CANTON ARRESTED.

PAPERS IN LUGGAGE.

A Kingchow Chinese named Chan Kai-fung was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with the unlawful possession of alleged seditious matter.

The accused who arrived from Canton yesterday was arrested on the wharf when some books and papers were found amongst his luggage.

He pleaded that the grip in which the literature was found did not belong to him.

Acting Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds who said the books and papers were being translated at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs asked for a week's formal remand.

This was granted until 10 a.m. on Thursday next. Bail was fixed in the sum of \$2,000.

Hon. Tang-fung another Chinese hailing from the same district who was arrested when landing from the s.s. "Paul Beau" was charged with a similar offence.

He admitted possession of the literature and was also remanded for a week. In view of his admission, however, bail was not allowed.

Knocked down by a motor car in Stubbs Road yesterday a Chinese received injuries to his left leg and was taken to hospital.

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